



# CHILDCARE CHOICES 2022

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# Closure of Clyde cod box leaves fishermen reeling

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Removal of fishing exemption will see 11 weeks at sea lost

A Campbeltown creel fisherman, with three sons and a step-son working in the same industry, has said news of a planned 11-week fishing ban in part of the Firth of Clyde was like 'a grenade going off in his family'.

Hughie McAllister said the Scottish Government's decision to completely close the Clyde fishing grounds, known as the cod box, for almost three months will affect his and his sons' businesses 'drastically'.

The area – roughly between Ugadale Point on Kintyre's east coast, the south of Arran, south to Loch Ryan and across to Campbeltown – will be closed from February 14 to April 30 in 2022 and 2023.

Measures to protect cod stocks in the area were first put in place more than 20 years ago, through an annual 11-week seasonal closure between those two dates, which was largely supported by local fishermen.

Prawn trawlers, scallop dredgers and creelers, including Hughie, who has been fishing for 30 years, were exempt from these restrictions due to the low numbers of cod they catch.

However, Marine Scotland, the government agency responsible for managing Scotland's seas and freshwater fisheries, said cod stocks in the area were showing 'little sign of recovery',



The fishing industry has reacted with anger and frustration as the Scottish Government announced an 11-week fishing ban.

meaning the exemptions must end. 'We thought everyone was quite happy with how things were, but now we're being told we've got three weeks to get our gear out and we can't fish there for nearly three months,' said Hughie, who initially championed the cod box closures.

**'We want to preserve the fish stocks; everything I do is to protect the industry for my children and grandchildren.'**

'Anything we catch that we don't take is returned to the sea alive. It's totally sustainable.

'We want to preserve the fish stocks; everything I do is to protect the industry for my children and grandchildren. I'm not here to make a quick buck.'

Hughie employs one person on his boat full-time, with an additional worker taken on in the summer, while his eldest son Paul and his middle son Richard each employ two men, and his youngest son James employs Hughie's step-son Charlie.

'We fish a lot of creels to make it viable,' Hughie said. 'Between our boats, we'll have

between 4,000 and 5,000 creels, and where are we going to put them?

'We never got any consultation or options; there was no working with us at all because we'd have been happy to work with them.'

The announcement by Cabinet Secretary Mairi Gougeon at Holyrood last week couldn't have come at a worse time for the McAllister family, as Hughie's wife Nicola is suffering from terminal cancer.

He said: 'With my wife being unwell, if it's a good day, I can go out on the boat and my gear is close at hand but, if I'm not allowed to fish in that area and I have to move my gear, it's going to be an absolute nightmare; I might have to stop.'

Taking into account the businesses the McAllisters deal with, including chandlers, fuel merchants and even suppliers of things such as the gloves the fishermen wear, Hughie fears this decision could have a knock-on effect for more than just the fishing industry.

'There must be 10 or 15 businesses that our family is supporting,' he said. 'That's a lot of families as well as our own.'

'This is a fishing community and this decision

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## A rare but sad find on Gigha beach

While carrying out a beach clean with a volunteer last Thursday (January 13), Isle of Gigha ranger Casey-Jo Zammit discovered the washed-up body of a rare Kemp's ridley sea turtle.

'Unfortunately, the poor thing was not alive when we found it,' said Ms Zammit, 'but the stranding was reported to the Marine Conservation Society.'

'It's a pretty important species. According to National Geographic, the Kemp's ridley turtle is the world's most endangered sea turtle, listed as a critically endangered species, so it's amazing that this creature has washed up on Gigha, especially considering they are usually distributed throughout the Gulf of Mexico and the east coast of the United States.'

'It was a shame, though, that we weren't able to conclude the cause of death, as this is important data to contribute to conservation efforts, and, of course, it's especially sad to see such a beautiful species in this way.'



The body of a rare Kemp's ridley sea turtle washed up on Gigha.

Ms Zammit is asking Gigha residents and visitors to keep an eye out on the island's shores and inform her via the Isle of Gigha Ranger Service Facebook page of any wildlife

strandings, so professional help can be sought and to assist other organisations in monitoring populations.

■ For more Gigha news, turn to page four.

## Extension to 'collective leadership' consultation

Proposed changes to education will not reduce the number of headteachers in Argyll and Bute's schools, council chiefs have claimed.

But the planned Empowering our Educators programme would see changes to the responsibilities, roles and titles of school leaders, a report has revealed.

In a document answering frequently asked questions on the proposals, the council has said that headteachers would become 'heads of

school' under the planned changes. A consultation on the plans is currently taking place, running until Friday March 4, a month later than originally planned. Teaching union representatives in the area have expressed fears that it could reduce the number of headteachers from 84 to 14.

The 'collective leadership' plans were discussed at a meeting of West Kintyre Community Council on Monday.

Community councillors will

now canvas people in the area to ascertain a better understanding of the community's feelings before submitting the group's official response to the consultation.

They are encouraging residents from Whitehouse to Kilchenzie to contact any of their community councillors to share their views.

Once the consultation period has finished, feedback will be reviewed and Argyll and Bute councillors will be asked to make a decision in the autumn.

## POLICE FILES

### Church damage

Police have received reports of people hanging out around Campbeltown's Lorne and Lowland Parish Church when it is not in use, and parishioners have identified vandalism to the building which is believed to have

occurred during these times. Police will be conducting patrols to target this concern and will engage with anyone found in that area during times the church is not in session, to understand their reason for being there and ascertain if any criminality is taking place.

### Drug driving

A 21-year-old man has been charged with driving under

the influence of cocaine after being stopped by police on the B843, near Campbeltown, at 11.30pm on Monday January 10.

### Sexual assault

Police were called to Carradale at 2pm on Tuesday January 11, after an 80-year-old man allegedly sexually assaulted a woman. The man was arrested and held for court.

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# 'All we want to do is go and fish sustainably' – fisherman

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has basically shut the industry down.

'All we want to do is go and fish sustainably and support our families.

'What happens if it gets extended next year? We could go bankrupt as we've got nothing in our reserves because we used it all during the Covid pandemic, with people being off sick, and the weather has been horrendous.'

He added that he wants to be upbeat about the industry and he is keen to encourage younger people to take up the profession.

'Lots of our young folk are moving away and we want them here,' he said, 'because if there are no young folk, there will be no old folk; it'll be a ghost town.'

'I'm quite willing for any-



**Campbeltown skipper Tommy Finn, chairman of the Clyde Fishermen's Association.**

body who has any doubt about the way we work to come out and see what we do. They can see first-hand what we take and what gets returned to the water – alive. I feel extremely betrayed by this decision.'

Campbeltown skipper Tommy Finn, chairman of the

## Closure of Clyde cod box leaves creelers reeling

Clyde Fishermen's Association (CFA), told the Courier he felt 'humiliated' by the announcement, as he, too, had championed the closure being put in place, with exemptions, more than two decades ago.

'It was voluntary to begin with and then it became statutory,' he said, 'and now it has turned out to be the thing that could put a lot of boats out of business. We're the only fishing association or group in probably Europe, but certainly the UK, that has a weekend ban in place – a voluntary ban that we asked for ourselves.'

'It's a complete curfew from midnight on Friday to midnight on Sunday, so already that's 52 weekends, so 104 days of the year, that we protect all the grounds. Throw another

11 weeks on top of that, and you're really reducing your opportunities. And we've worked with the government to get Marine Protected Areas in place, so we've lost a lot of grounds to that too.'

'Coming on the back of the two years that we've just had, with Brexit and Covid, we were slowly finding our feet and this has completely wiped them from under us.'

In an official statement as CFA chairman, Tommy said he was 'shocked to the core' by the decision and the impact it could have on not only the fishing industry but also the wider community.

He said: 'We can't understand the lack of communication with our small-scale fishing communities, or indeed the

families and businesses they support, not only around the Clyde but in wider Scotland, Northern Ireland and the EU.'

'Perhaps we could understand the decision if there were clear, balanced and genuine environmental benefits, but we haven't seen the science or the rationale to justify this action as proportionate.'

'We could have proposed selectivity options which would have achieved similar aims and allowed fishing to continue – this is sensibly the approach taken in the Irish Sea – but there has been no dialogue on any options or solutions.'

Speaking to the Courier, Tommy added: 'The Clyde fleet is unique in having the lowest observed by-catch [discards]

of cod in Europe. We were observed to have less than one per cent discards and, of that, only a point of a percentage was cod. There's really nothing scientific behind this, it's all political.'

The CFA was due to meet with Cabinet Secretary Mairi Gougeon yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

Tommy told the Courier he would be pushing for a 12-month delay on the complete ban to allow a proper scientific assessment of stocks to be carried out.

He said: 'It may be that when that's complete, we won't have a case – it might be quite clear that the area needs to be closed to everybody and, if so, we'll accept that, if it's based on proper scientific evidence.'



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# Gateway to Gigha project a step closer to completion

A project delivering nine kilometres of new and upgraded paths across Gigha is a step closer to fruition after the second path in the network was completed.

Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust launched the Gateway to Gigha project, which is now well under way, after securing £900,000 from the Low Carbon Travel and Transport

Fund and the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The new paths have opened access for residents and visitors to sites of interest including beaches and viewpoints that have previously been either difficult to get to or completely inaccessible.

The project is also improving access to and knowledge and education about the numerous

historic monuments on the island, through on-site informative installations that complement the landscape, online interpretation and events and community engagement to restore and protect its heritage features.

The work is being delivered in three phases, with the first one focusing on hardcore paths suitable for walkers and cyclists.

The first phase is expected to be finished ahead of the island celebrating its 20th anniversary of community ownership on March 15 2022.

Work is due to begin shortly on the second phase which is mainly trod paths across the island that will benefit from upgraded drainage and way marking, as well as stepping-stones and interpretation points.

The second phase will also provide easy access through Achamore Gardens where the

existing paths have become overgrown, making the 54-acre public garden more accessible to everyone.

Part of the development includes the launch of a new 'Visit Gigha' website and social channels which will provide information on walking and cycle routes, as well as all the other things to see, do and explore whilst on the island.

Local businesses will also be spotlighted, ensuring visitors are well informed on everything Gigha has to offer before their visit.

The 'Visit Gigha' brand is due to launch in the spring ahead of the newly-built campsite opening.

The island is opening its first official camping and motorhome site which will have camping pitches, motorhome hook-up points and new showers, toilets and washing up areas.

The new site is close to the



A new path has improved access to the twin beaches at Eilean Garbh.



Gigha's new camp and motorhome site is close to the ferry slip.

ferry slip which complements the Gateway to Gigha project aims to reduce vehicle use on the island and reduce Gigha's carbon footprint.

Gigha has a narrow single-track road which becomes congested, particularly in the visitor season, making it difficult and often dangerous for road users to commute across the island. Therefore, the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust

intends to promote the use of the path network and close proximity of the campsite to the ferry to encourage visitors to leave their car behind and explore the island by foot, bike or on one of their 20 new ebikes which will be available to hire from the island's activity centre. The activity centre is due to open in April and will offer day hire of bikes as well as water sport hires in summer.



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# Bird's-eye view video guide inspires sailors

Sail Scotland has launched aerial video guides showcasing Scottish marinas and anchorages to inspire people to explore unique destinations by boat.

And Campbeltown is one of the top three most-viewed guides so far.

The national marketing organisation for sailing and marine tourism has produced the video guides with drone footage offering a bird's-eye view of the approach to each destination, including Campbeltown, Tarbert, Ardfern, Craobh and Oban.

Pop-up text introduces the destination and standout features in the surrounding landscapes, before identifying key boating facilities and showing the proximity of local amenities.

The viewer is then invited to step ashore for provisions, food and drink and visits to nearby attractions.

The guides offer suggestions encouraging day trips or onward adventures and provide links to explore current offers, trip-planning information

and booking links on the Sail Scotland website.

Viewers – via adverts on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube – are encouraged to share their own photographs and celebrate their own unforgettable moments and unique experiences of sailing and cruising in Scotland, by answering the key campaign phrase: 'I sail Scotland because...'

This sharing of favourite memories will complement the visual experience offered by the video guides.

The video library of guides is said to be the first of its kind for the marine tourism sector in Scotland, with ten guides launched online at the end of 2021. In the first three weeks of the campaign, they were seen almost 700,000 times.

A total of 33 locations around Scotland now complete the library.

The guides' launch reflects the post-Covid desire for holidays and escapes 'away from it all', with sailing and cruising holidays fulfilling this desire.

This trend is mirrored in the



Despite being one of the most remote destinations, the guide for Campbeltown's marina is one of the most viewed so far. 50\_c03harbour01

video viewing numbers too, with the guides for Stromness, Campbeltown and the Caledonian Canal – some of the furthest-flung destinations – the top three most-viewed guides to date.

'Collaboration with destinations along Scotland's

coasts, islands and canals is a key focus for Sail Scotland and we want to connect the sailing experience with shore-side experiences,' said Alan Rankin, chief executive of Sail Scotland. 'Our new bird's-eye view video guides transport visitors into the heart of places

and communities and by highlighting nearby attractions and eateries, we encourage them to step ashore to discover local culture and to enjoy local food and drink.

'We hope the footage will inspire viewers to make plans to sail to new destinations,

book cruises and spend more time on our wonderful sailing waters.'

The campaign was created with assistance from the Scottish Government's Tourism Destination and Sector Marketing Fund, delivered by VisitScotland as part of a national Covid recovery plan.

'We know word of mouth recommendations are a huge factor for visitors choosing to travel,' said Malcolm Roughead, chief executive of VisitScotland. 'By combining this call on visitors to share their stories, with footage of Scotland's breath-taking shoreline, Sail Scotland's campaign will help inspire new and repeat visitors.'

'VisitScotland is focused on the recovery of the industry, building a destination and visitor experience which allows tourism and events to flourish, now and in the future.'

The new video guide library can be viewed on Sail Scotland's website at <https://sailscotland.co.uk/plan/aerial-guides/>.

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## TEN YEARS AGO

Friday January 20, 2012

## Mull of Kintyre half marathon voted top event in UK

Organisers of the Mull of Kintyre Run (MOKRUN) are delighted that the half marathon event was voted as number one in the UK.

The event continues to receive fantastic reviews and feedback about the 2011 races and the committee is very excited about this year's event.

'The review in Runners World was amazing and runners have been extremely positive about the race, the Campbeltown area and its friendly locals that create the buzzing atmosphere the event is famous for,' said a spokeswoman for MOKRUN.

The committee has been inundated with requests from people from around the UK and abroad since the 2012 race became full in December.

'We may investigate the possibilities of increasing the field next year but we will need to evaluate the success of 2012 first,' said the spokeswoman.

## New store too pricey for Tesco

Increasing costs have caused Tesco to pull plans for a new superstore.

The Courier understands the increase in cost meant it was not viable for Tesco to invest in a new store in Campbeltown.

Although there was a mixed reaction from locals about the news, a new cheese-making facility was welcomed across the area.

Many locals are asking why, at this late stage, Tesco has pulled out; to waste the amount of time and effort that has gone in so far.

A Tesco spokesman told the Courier it had spent a lot of time and money on the plans and share the disappointment: 'We are absolutely committed to the town. I'd pay tribute to our staff who continue to work hard for customers.'

The revised plan for a new creamery will secure 100 jobs and 38 dairy farms, and the new factory will be funded with up to £2 million from the Scottish Government and funds from First Milk, the UK's leading dairy farming cooperative.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday January 17, 1997

## Flu knocks them for six

Fears that Campbeltown Grammar School would have to close because of an ongoing flu epidemic were allayed this week, despite a rising number of absentees.

On Tuesday January 14, a total of 228 people called in sick; 204 pupils or 38 per cent of students, 10 teachers and four non-teaching staff.

'At the present, we are coping through the employment of supply staff from as far afield as Lochgilphead and thanks to the efforts of staff in providing internal cover,' said Mr Crossan, Campbeltown Grammar School director.



In 2012: Over the last 40 years, Campbeltown Flower Club has gone from strength to strength. Iona MacNeill cut the cake at the Seafield Hotel on Tuesday evening to celebrate 40 years since she started the club. Members past and present gathered for a meal to celebrate the special anniversary.

'While some classes are having to be amalgamated, there are no plans to close the school.'

Pupil absences have been higher than average since the start of term but the absentee rate has

risen dramatically over the past week.

On Monday January 6, the figure stood at 10 per cent, nearly double the expected rate.

And yet by Monday January 13, this had risen even further to 34 per cent and by Tuesday January 14, 38 per cent.

The worst affected year group was S4, with an absent rate on Monday of 52 per cent, although this dropped to 51 per cent on Tuesday.

'I don't ever recall it being this high,' added Mr Crossan. 'But indications are at the moment that it's going to continue.'

Across Kintyre, the picture was similar, although not quite so severe. Drumlemble, Rhunahaorine and Dalintober primary schools were all badly hit with absences, around a third of the total roll in each case, but in all three schools the staff fortunately remained relatively unaffected with only one or two teachers being off.

Elsewhere in Campbeltown, both Castlehill and Saint Kieran's primary schools also remained largely unaffected, with absent rates remaining below 10 per cent.

And outside South Kintyre, few schools were affected whatsoever.

The Campbeltown Health Centre reported a comparatively typical level of demand for this time of year with a spokesperson saying that it had not been particularly affected by the minor epidemic.

## Fishing focus

The post-Christmas blues seem to have struck fisherman just as much as everyone else with



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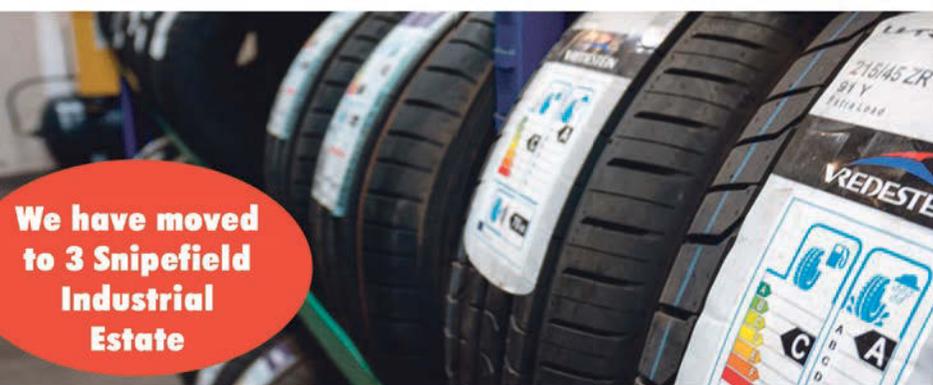


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only 1,180 boxes of fish being landed last week. One or two boats started back the weekend after New Year, but the majority waited until Monday before venturing out.

Catches were good at the start of the week but, as the week progressed, strong tides forced them to drop.

Four Northern Irish boats started the week fishing around Kintyre but, by Wednesday, there were only two and, by Thursday, there were none.

The scallop boats which were working around the west side of Kintyre moved round to the Clyde mid-week, but catches remained poor all over and with the New Year, the majority of the creel boats seem to have given up fishing for buckies.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO Thursday January 20, 1972 Water, water everywhere!

Several Campbeltown streets were flooded on Tuesday when torrential rain, which later turned to sleet, fell incessantly.

Worst hit in the burgh was, as usual, Lochend, where streets were under several feet of water and some low-doored premises were in danger of being washed out.

Glebe Street, Ralston Road and parts of Meadows Road were also badly affected.

The Campbeltown to Carradale road was treacherous in places with numerous deep areas of flooding.



In 2012: Five children from Gigha Primary School were successful this year in the Argyll and Bute Road Safety calendar competition. Amelia Steele won first prize in the Primary 2 category and her sister Daisy won first prize in Primary 4. They each received £25 in Amazon vouchers. Bryce Harvey and Finn Beagan, Primary 5, were presented with Highly Commended certificates, as well as Amanda Clements in Primary 6.

Drain covers were forced up in different parts of the town.

The local fishing fleet and other vessels were forced to run for the safety of Campbeltown Harbour when a gale force south easterly wind rose at sea; 8mm of rain fell during three hours on Tuesday.

And the rainfall figure for the first 17 days of

January was almost 4 inches.

## More sun in the Wee Toon

Campbeltown had 15 hours more sunshine in 1971 than in 1970.

Top of the sun charts was May, with 220 hours. The lowest figure was December, with a little more than 30 hours.

In all, we basked under 1,484 hours of warmth compared to 1,469 hours in 1970.

A monthly breakdown of the sun hours is given below:

January 52.8; February 63.4; March 123; April 169; May 120.6; June 184.7; July 193.7; August 136.8; September 135; October 111.6; November 63.6; December 30.3.

Probably the most disappointing month was August, when 136 hours were recorded.

An interesting point has come out of the sun totals. Compared with that of the evergreen holiday resort Rothesay, Campbeltown had 135 more hours of sun.

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## Clinic helping to treat bodies and soles

A Tarbert clinic says it has the remedy for the people of Argyll's podiatry and aesthetic needs.

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But for those unable to visit the clinic, home visits for podiatry and chiropody services can be organised across Argyll.

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## Tarbert's talented Daria wins youth orchestra place

A talented young Tarbert violinist has been offered a place in the National Youth Orchestras of Scotland (NYOS).

Daria Derevyankin, who started playing the violin when she was seven years old, was selected following a rigorous audition process.

The NYOS has been providing young instrumentalists in Scotland with unforgettable training and performance experiences since 1979.

At the age of just 12, Daria has already played with a number of folk bands, including Na Smeòraich, which was asked to play at events at Stonefield Castle, the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival - both the Dalriada Connections concert and the Beinn an Tuirc Gaelic concert - and was also a supporting act at a recent Eddi Reader gig in Tarbert.

The band also won various competitions, including the under-13 folk group competitions at the Dalriada, Oban and Mull regional Mòds.

Daria still loves playing folk and Gaelic music, but her real passion lies in classical music, which is why she is so delighted to have been offered a place at NYOS.

Aside from the fact that there are few opportunities to play classical music in the



Daria with the letter from NYOS offering her a place.

Tarbert area, Daria's success is all the more remarkable because all her lessons have been online since her teacher, Susan Rhodes, moved back to the Netherlands last year.

Susan said: 'This is such a fantastic opportunity for a young and extremely talented musician, who can turn her hand to any style of music with ease.'

'I'm delighted she has gained a place in the NYOS - all that hard work and dedication really paid off.'

And, you never know, perhaps the NYOS will arrange a concert in Kintyre to inspire more children to take up music.

### What's new at Campbeltown Picture House?



#### Belfast (12A)

Starring Caitriona Balfe, Jamie Dornan, Ciaran Hinds and Judy Dench, Belfast chronicles the life of a working class Northern Irish Protestant family from the perspective of

their nine-year-old son Buddy during The Troubles in Belfast.

**Licorice Pizza (15)**  
Licorice Pizza is the story of Alana Kane and Gary Valentine growing up, running around and falling in love in the San Fernando Valley in 1973. Written and directed by Paul Thomas Anderson and featuring Bradley Cooper and Sean Penn, the film tracks the treacherous navigation of first love.



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## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Nigel Wells from Whitehouse took this photograph of two otters playing on the east coast of West Loch Tarbert while walking along the shore in November last year. An 'enthusiastic but not very experienced' photographer, Nigel particularly enjoys capturing images of birds and animals. If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to [editor@campbeltown-courier.co.uk](mailto:editor@campbeltown-courier.co.uk)

## ACHA launches assistance fund

In light of the challenging times in which its tenants are living, Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA)'s board of management has approved a £40,000 assistance fund.

This is to assist any tenant experiencing vulnerability in financial terms between January and March 2022.

ACHA's welfare rights staff and other colleagues are actively supporting tenants through a variety of other initiatives at the moment; this additional initiative is designed to assist those who may not have qualified for other assistance, or have particularly challenging needs at the present time.

'We live in very challenging times with substantial increases in fuel, food, clothing and other costs,' said Alastair MacGregor, ACHA's chief executive.

'As a landlord and a charity, ACHA's board has taken this particular initiative to ensure this additional funding is available to help the most vulnerable.

'We hope it will allow a number of our tenants to improve their household income over the next few months.'

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## Clyde closure shock

People from across the political spectrum have reacted with shock to the Scottish Government's announcement of a complete 11-week closure of the Clyde cod box.

Kintyre and the Islands councillor Alastair Redman, Independent, described the move as a 'betrayal' while South Kintyre councillor John Armour, SNP, said he was 'dismayed' to hear about the 'draconian measures'.

Councillor Armour described it as a 'slap in the face' to the fishing industry and Clyde Fishermen's Association which has gone 'far beyond' what was required of it over the last 20 years and more.

Jenni Minto MSP, also SNP, was due to meet with the Cabinet Secretary on Wednesday to relay the concerns of Argyll's fishing communities and she said she would be asking for a full breakdown of the science which led to the decision.

And Argyll and Bute Council leader, Kintyre and the Islands councillor Robin Currie, Liberal Democrats, has written to the Scottish Government in support of local fishing industry representatives who have shared with him their 'significant concerns'.

Surely with Argyll's political leaders united in their opposition to the full closure, without exemptions, along with the public outcry since the news was announced, the ministers responsible will be forced to reconsider this potentially industry-ending decision.

## Give sight-loss charity a call if you Need to Talk

For most of us, our sight is our most precious sense by far.

For anyone diagnosed with a condition that could affect their sight, or who has experienced sight loss, having someone who understands what you're going through can make a huge difference. This is where the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)'s free 'Need to Talk' counselling and confidence building service comes in.

'Need to Talk' gives anyone affected by sight loss, as well as their friends and family, the opportunity to have a free hour-long mental wellbeing check-in, further counselling, and to attend 'Living Well with Sight Loss' courses.

If you contact us, you can currently expect to speak with a counsellor through one of our mental wellbeing check-ins within 72 hours.

If further counselling is deemed suitable, sessions should start within one month.

Our counsellors, many of whom have sight loss themselves, are ready to take your call.

Find out more at [rnib.org.uk/NeedToTalk](http://rnib.org.uk/NeedToTalk) or call the RNIB helpline on 0303 123 9999 today.

**James Adams, director, RNIB Scotland.**

## Start the conversation on mental health

See Me, Scotland's programme to end mental health stigma and discrimination, is encouraging people across Argyll and Bute to get talking as one of their new year's resolutions.

Our research has revealed that a quarter of Scots don't feel comfortable speaking about their mental health. To change that, we are calling for people to get involved in this year's Time to Talk Day, the UK's biggest mental health conversation. Thursday February 3 is the day that friends, families, communities, and workplaces come together to talk, listen and change lives.

It will run as a mix of online and in-person events and activities, in line with government guidance, to get as many people as possible talking about mental health.

Speaking up reduces stigma, helping to create supportive communities where we can talk openly about mental health and feel empowered to seek help when we need it.

You can access tools to plan your own Time to Talk Day event, download an activity pack, request resources or check out what's happening nationwide on the See Me website.

**Wendy Halliday, director, See Me.**

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## Thought for the Week

We've been watching the BBC television series Saving Lives at Sea.

One episode, filmed last May, showed the Thames RNLi team trying to help Minnie the minke whale calf. The little whale, having swum into the river, had beached itself on a weir. With the use of an inflatable raft the whale was re-floated.

However, during their attempt to tow the animal back to the sea, it got free. The following day, Minnie was spotted again but this time it had swum further up-stream. Sadly the animal became too weak to rescue.

If only Minnie had been able to understand that those efforts of kindness, to coax it, and lead it and guide it, were all directed to provide freedom and life; the cool clear Atlantic waters whales are designed to enjoy.

Perhaps the raft did feel restrictive, perhaps at times the slings felt uncomfortable. How much trust would have been required for the whale to submit to its rescuer?

The bible tells us that we are just like Minnie: we want to be free, but think freedom is to be found by going our own way, the way we all choose by nature. But the bible tells us that the way to freedom is actually not to escape, but to trust and submit to our rescuer the Lord Jesus. He didn't only spend hours of effort and skill to liberate us; he spent himself.

Jesus said: 'If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.' Why not turn and trust Him?

**Reverend Mark Jasper, Campbeltown Community Church.**

## ISLAY

### ScottishPower awarded rights to offshore windfarm

Energy company ScottishPower has won the rights to develop plans for its first fixed offshore windfarm in Scottish waters – off the west coast of Islay – as part of Crown Estate Scotland's ScotWind Leasing, announced on Monday (January 17).

ScottishPower says the 2GW MachairWind project will make a 'significant contribution' to tackling the climate emergency and achieving net zero, with the potential to generate enough clean electricity to power more than 2.3 million homes.

'ScottishPower has been working with people, communities and businesses across Argyll and Bute for more than 20 years now, as we've built our onshore wind portfolio,' said Keith Anderson, the company's chief executive officer.

'So, it's really exciting to be expanding into offshore wind in a region where we're known as a responsible developer and a good neighbour.'

'Offshore wind is set to become the backbone of the UK's energy mix and will do the heavy lifting as we ramp up the production of clean electricity on the journey to net zero.'

'Our Islay project will play an important part in that and make the best use of the region's fantastic natural resources to help power the UK's transition from fossil fuels to renewables and a better future, quicker.'

'We believe the economic impacts of the offshore wind industry will be along similar lines to what we saw 40 or so years ago with oil and gas developments,' said Stuart Black, Highlands



Scottish Water has installed a Transportable Treatment Unit which is now supplying nearly 2,000 customers in the Bowmore and Port Ellen areas.

and Islands Enterprise's chief executive, 'and will help to create the conditions for a just transition for both the Highlands and Islands, and the climate.'

'We can expect many new, highly skilled offshore wind-related jobs to be created in some of our more rural and island communities.'

### Multi-million pound water supply investment onstream

A multi-million pound Scottish Water investment on Islay is now onstream after a marathon journey across land and sea and months of on-site testing.

A Transportable Treatment Unit (TTU) is now connected to the network supplying nearly 2,000 customers in the Bowmore and Port Ellen areas.

Georgina Reid, Scottish Water's corporate affairs regional manager, said: 'The new unit is now supplying an additional 70,000 litres of clear, fresh drinking water a day. This £2.5 million investment is just part of our ongoing programme of works for Islay to provide capacity for future housing developments but also resilience and improvements to the existing network.'

The unit boosts the 810,000 litres already supplied from the existing Torra Water Treatment Works on the island. A new pipe bridge across the River Torra has been constructed to support a short section of the two kilometres – around 1.2 miles – of new raw water main installed north of the water treatment works.

Work is also starting on a £3 million project in Bowmore, to replace four miles of water mains in the town's streets over the next 18 months.

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# Are electricity and gas costs adding to your debt worries?

## Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau may be able to help

Household budgets are being squeezed like never before, and it can be particularly hard when an energy supplier also deducts money from each top-up made to a pre-payment meter to pay for an old energy debt.

For one local resident struggling to find work and worried about how her universal credit would stretch to cover the rising cost of heating for her flat, daily living costs and still manage to re-pay council tax arrears, the local citizens advice bureau was there to help.



Commenting on the case, the Bureau's manager Jen

Broadhurst said, "the client's expenditure was higher than her income and with each top-up to her electricity pre-payment meter, more than 10% of the money went straight towards paying off an old energy debt. Something had to give, the client was already trying hard to repay other debts and she just didn't know how she was going to manage. Also, having lost the £20 per week Universal Credit uplift, meant that she was running out of money to buy food and was having to reply on her local foodbank".

Looking into the debt repayment levels for this client, the adviser identified that she had been asked to pay considerably more than the rules required her to. The reduction of £20 per week to her Universal Credit hadn't filtered through to the amount she was asked to pay, so getting that fixed was a priority.

"Almost every day the Citizens Advice Bureau is contacted by people really struggling to cope with debt and the rising cost of living. Thankfully advisers at the Citizens Advice Bureau can provide confidential, free advice and practical help – that's what we are here for" said Jen.

Jen added, "Trying to live on a low income, in work or out of work, can be very hard and it can seriously take its toll on mental health". The energy price cap is expected to rise sharply by April 2022, and further hikes to electricity and gas prices are expected, so we are urging residents struggling with debt and worried about how to afford the rising cost of living to contact the bureau. People sometimes think there isn't anything that be done, but our debt and money advisers can go through a range of options available to really help manage debts."

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## Brush up on your digital skills

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Investment in digital technologies, whether making a website more mobile-friendly, launching a new social media platform or creating an online shop, have all been vital for businesses to survive the pandemic.

Businesses should not lose these practices and ways of working, as digital technology still has a vital role to play as businesses rebuild from the challenges of the last two years.

To book on to a coaching session visit [bgateway.com](http://bgateway.com) and search for events in Argyll and Bute.

# Gardening growing thanks to Business Gateway support

A hospitality business has been able to expand its gardening services after advice and funding through the Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme.

Burnside Lodge, a two-room bed-and-breakfast located in the quiet village of Port Wemyss on the south-western tip of Islay, is an idyllic location for those looking for a remote getaway.

As well as welcoming guests and facilitating small civil weddings, Burnside Lodge provides a hive of activity throughout the year, with owners Tom and Kate Skinner baking cakes for local cafés, supplying pies to distilleries and even offering craft classes in furniture upcycling for customers during the quieter winter months.

Though Tom and Kate had established a good reputation for Burnside Lodge within



the local area, they lost a key part of their customer base when the pandemic hit early in 2020. They turned to Business Gateway for support.

Tom and Kate used a range of Business Gateway's services including one-to-one support from a dedicated business adviser, as well as receiving

advice on funding.

The couple decided to scale up the gardening offering of Burnside Lodge to help them recover, something which they had done on a small scale in the past.

The couple received a recovery grant through the Local Growth Accelerator

Programme which was put towards the cost of equipment.

Tom, previously head gardener at the Islay Community Garden, is on hand to help locals with gardening jobs as well as offering horticulture tips and advice.

This service has been critical for Burnside Lodge's recovery from Brexit and Covid and has considerably increased their gardening revenue.

Tom said: 'Since Kate and I took over Burnside Lodge in 2008 we have worked hard to diversify our offering and keep meeting the needs of the Islay community.'

'Brexit and Covid really took their toll on our business, but we were determined to turn things around.'

'Support from Business Gateway was essential for

scaling up our offering and giving a greater choice for our customers.'

'I can't thank them enough for their help and support over what has been a really difficult time for our business.'

Donald Melville, Business Gateway adviser, said: 'Like many business owners in Scotland, Tom and Kate felt the effects of what has been a hugely challenging couple of years.'

'It can be difficult to implement a new business direction, but Tom and Kate were very flexible in adapting their business.'

'Through our recovery grant we were able to provide support to help them pivot their offering and generate alternative income.'

Visit [www.bgateway.com](http://www.bgateway.com) for more information about how Business Gateway can help your business.

## Covid support still available for all businesses

Many businesses across Scotland are still dealing with the long-lasting effects and challenges of the Covid pandemic - and the Omicron variant has made the situation more difficult.

With the situation changing, businesses are encouraged to keep up-to-date with support available via the Find Business Support Scotland website.

'Guidance for businesses and information about the UK and Scottish Governments' financial support package is available at [findbusiness-support.gov.scot/coronavirus-advice](http://findbusiness-support.gov.scot/coronavirus-advice),' explained Councillor Robin



Currie, policy lead for the economy and rural growth.

He continued: 'You can search and filter the funding options and guidance available to help your business during the pandemic.'

'We also recommend that you sign up to email updates from FindBusiness-SupportScotland to get the latest government funding

### Including recovery funding for SMEs

announcements. Our local Business Gateway advisers also remain available to help business owners across the region respond and adapt.'

Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway has added recovery support to its existing programme of business growth assistance, helping more businesses access timely expert advice and funding to support growth or recovery from the impact of the pandemic.

The Argyll and Bute Business

Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme now includes recovery grant funding of up to £5,000.

This is aimed at existing small- and medium-sized enterprises which are aiming either to restore their annual turnover to pre-Covid levels within three years or aiming for modest growth.

The programme also continues to offer growth support, via grants and expert help, with more than 100 businesses in the region assisted with

grant funding and 27 with specialist advice. The programme must close in 2022, so business owners looking for support are encouraged to register as soon as possible at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/bglgap](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/bglgap).

The Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme, worth a total of £855,239, is funded by Argyll and Bute Council and the European Regional Development Fund under the 2014-2020 Structural Funds Programmes.

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Argyll and Bute Early Years is currently in partnership with 23 providers offering quality ELC within the private, voluntary and independent sector. This also includes three outdoor nurseries. These are joined by approximately 25 child minders who are commissioned by the council to provide ELC for eligible two-year-olds.

#### Extra help

There is no obligation to pro-

vide transport for ELC tots, but in Argyll and Bute the council recognises it is a unique rural area and in 'exceptional transport difficulties' parents can receive help. Call the helpline on 01369 708503.

There is a useful website to help with many aspects of parenting, including guidance on childcare: [www.parentclub.scot](http://www.parentclub.scot)

**Remember to have your child's birth certificate ready when registering!**



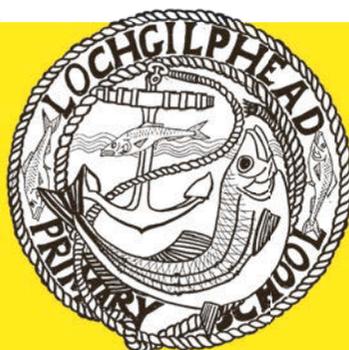
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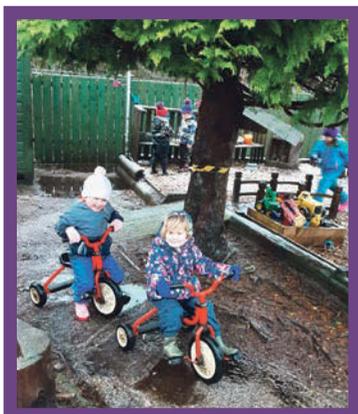
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- We provide a happy, caring and nurturing environment where the

children feel safe and secure and can thrive.

- We promote positive behaviour and encourage children to understand each other's feelings. Children learn to care for and respect themselves and those around them, to be sensitive to the needs and feelings of others
- We provide stimulating indoor and outdoor environments to encourage a positive attitude to learning.
- We provide high quality play and learning experiences and learn about looking after our environment, promoting creativity and curiosity, giving children the opportunities to be imaginative and independent thinkers.



**Kilmartin Primary School ELC**

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Head Teacher: Mrs Namaste Bevan

## MAKI Pups Outdoor Nursery

MAKI pups is Mid Argyll's first fully outdoor nursery. We have three fantastic spaces at Kilmory Walled Garden. Each area offers children different opportunities to explore, learn and play creatively. Our Potting Sheds are a cosy hub of activity, our lawn offers space to stretch out and our woodland is where our imagination can run wild! Our fantastic team of experienced practitioners

along with one of Mid Argyll's most popular janitors bring with them a wealth of skills and talents in a wide range of areas that will offer children variety, stimulation and support. Our MAKI pups graduates from 2021 are happy and enthusiastic proof that our belief that active outdoor activity is a great option. We would love to welcome your child to MAKI Pups. For more information please contact

our Nursery Manager, Erin Kennedy by email [erin@act-now.org.uk](mailto:erin@act-now.org.uk) or call 07741582560.



MAKI Pups Outdoor Nursery is one of the projects run by Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (ACT)

We are situated in Kilmory Walled Gardens in Lochgilphead.

We offer funded ELC Placements and Private Wraparound care.

For more information about Mid Argyll's first fully outdoor nursery and the Early Learning and Childcare packages we offer then please contact our Nursery Manager Erin Kennedy:

email: [erin@act-now.org.uk](mailto:erin@act-now.org.uk)

telephone: 07741582560

website: [www.act-now.org.uk](http://www.act-now.org.uk)

## Drumlemble Early Learning Centre

At Drumlemble Early Learning Centre we believe that children learn best in a safe and stimulating environment.

We are a self-contained unit within Drumlemble Primary School, with excellent indoor and outdoor play facilities. The setting was fully refurbished in 2019 and offers 1140 hours of funded care.

We have a fully enclosed outdoor area for the exclusive use of the ELC. Children can use construction materials, the mud kitchen, water and sand, tend to their own fruit, vegetables and plants and observe wildlife in our lovely rural location.



...a fun place to play and learn!

Our staff are experienced and nurturing, and encourage the children to explore and be creative.

Photographs of our setting can be seen on the Drumlemble Primary and ELC Facebook page and on our school website <http://www.drumlemble.argyll-bute.sch.uk/> If you would like further information please contact Mrs. Emma Cairns on 01586 810240 or email [enquiries-drumlemble@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries-drumlemble@argyll-bute.gov.uk)



## Badden Farm Nursery



As can be seen from our lovely photographs, Badden Farm Nursery are strong advocates for all outdoor activities. The nursery is now a 50/50 indoor/outdoor nursery offering the children the full Forest Schools outdoor experience within our lovely wooded areas where the children love to explore and play. Research clearly and consistently identifies outdoor play as vital to emotional, physical, and mental health and well-being and crucial to all aspects of childhood learning and development, and this is the reason we continue to establish outdoor play as the critical catalyst for healthy childhood development to offer all our children. We used the time during the lockdowns to expand our planting and growing areas for the children, including a large new greenhouse for the children's use. This is a firm favourite with the children as they love to grow their own vegetables and flowers and use their own home-grown products for their snacks. Fully commissioned for ELC

education our trained and highly professional staff team have created a warm, welcoming, and safe environment for the children to enjoy stimulating learning experiences through their play. We have a huge emphasis

on animals here at the nursery, which includes hatching chickens in the ELC playroom, caring for the nurseries 2 lovely pet guinea pigs, rearing orphaned lambs, not forgetting our 4 gorgeous donkeys. The children are fully immersed in all aspects of the care for our animals and the nursery recently received a commendation from Education Scotland for our work with the children using the empathy and care for the animals to teach the children about their own rights and

needs, covering the UNCRC rights of the child, the only nursery in Argyll to receive this commendation, of which we are very proud.

We would love to invite parents to come and have an outdoor tour of our amazing facilities and what we can offer their child for their ELC provision, with an indoor tour when Covid-19 restrictions allow.

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# NFU bursary scheme opens for appliance of science in agriculture

A funding scheme is now open to champion future research and innovation in agriculture by offering a bursary to outstanding students.

NFU Mutual's Centenary Award 2022 provides bursaries to pay up to 75 per cent of course fees for selected students who are undertaking a postgraduate Masters or PhD course in agriculture within the UK.

The annual award was created by the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust in 2010 to celebrate NFU Mutual's 100th anniversary, with the objective of creating a legacy for the future.



**Megan Powell was one of three postgraduate agricultural students to receive the centenary award bursary in 2021.**

accepted or provisionally accepted on a Masters or PhD course in agriculture in the UK, in autumn 2022.

The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust has identified three topics - sustainable agriculture and climate change; international agricultural development; the application of science and innovative technology to the agricultural industry - and at least one of these areas must form part of

the applicant's postgraduate course.

The judging panel will be looking for applicants who are not only excellent academic performers, but also have a real passion for UK agriculture and demonstrate potential to become a future industry leader.

NFU Mutual chairman Jim McLaren said: 'Our aim for the centenary award is to create a long-standing legacy through which we can champion research and innovation for UK agriculture.'

'Alongside this, the award gives outstanding agricultural students the opportunity to

continue their studies and supports their aspirations to make a difference to the industry.'

Megan Powell from Powys was one of three postgraduate agricultural students to receive the centenary award bursary in 2021, helping fund her MSc in Sustainable Food and Agriculture at the University of Reading.

Megan explained how the award will help her to achieve her ambitions: 'It is a real honour to have NFU Mutual supporting my postgraduate studies.'

'Through the course, I hope to gain the ability to

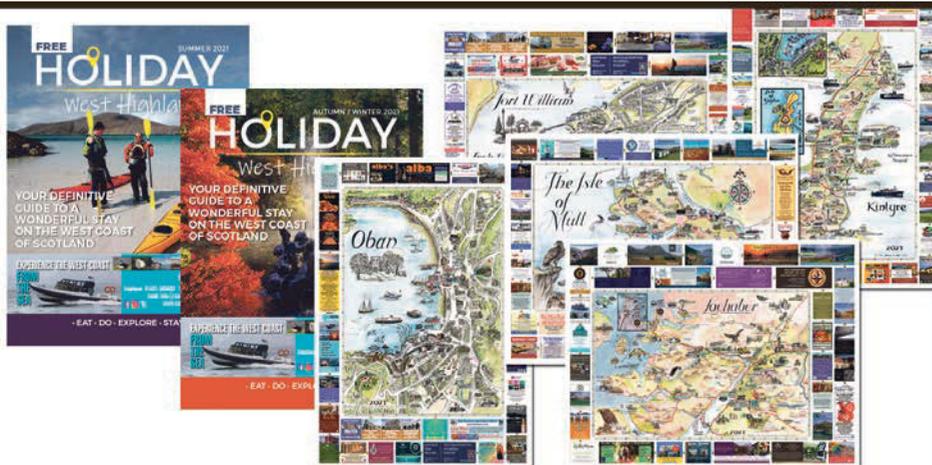
understand strategic decision-making, opinion forming and operational management for the development of sustainable agriculture and food supply systems. I want to act as an advocate for the industry in the UK and help lead it to a positive and prosperous future.'

Prospective postgraduate students who think they may be eligible to apply for the centenary award in 2022 should contact [centenary\\_award@nfumutual.co.uk](mailto:centenary_award@nfumutual.co.uk) to request further details and an application form. The closing date for 2022 is Saturday April 30. Visit [www.nfumutual.co.uk](http://www.nfumutual.co.uk).

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# When it comes to money, it is good to have someone to talk to



**Campbeltown's Iain Reid, the Director of Argyll and Bute Consultants Ltd, is a man who believes that he can best help a client if he has a good face to face meeting with them first.**

Iain is a former Campbeltown Grammar School pupil who then went to Napier University to study banking and he joined the Clydesdale Bank in 1989, based in the Campbeltown, Lochgilphead and Tarbert branches, before joining the Prudential in a financial consultants role up until 2001.

After a short spell working as an Independent Financial Adviser for a

Glasgow-based firm, he decided to set up his own Independent Financial Advice business based in Campbeltown which now serves more than 400 loyal clients.

With a family farming background, Iain understands agricultural and rural life and its finances and understands Kintyre, Argyll and the people who live here.

When long-established and respected financial advisor Alasdair McPhee retired, Iain took over his client list so there has been a continuation of great, personal, local care within the town.

Iain works as a one-person consultancy and outsources legal and regulatory practices and procedures which ensures full compliance and security. Argyll and Bute Consultants Ltd is also regulated by the FCA and is backed by professional indemnity insurance and national compliance services.

'People can be assured that my work is secure and legally correct,' said Iain. 'You should always look for this level of compliance and assurances

from any advisor, as well as the appropriate permissions and qualifications for the class of business you wish to be advised upon.'

He is concerned many people do not understand the nuances of financial products and the legislation around them.

Iain said: 'A lot of younger people are taking advice based on social media because it is trending on line and there are a lot of outrageous and unregulated things out there, including crypto currencies with a high risk and no protection. Their capital is at risk.'

He added: 'I look after people's wealth by making sure it is in the right place and tax efficient to meet their expectations and objectives. It is all about planning and avoiding the common mistakes many investors can take years to recover from.'

'I am not a salesperson so you will always get the right advice from me. If something you are considering is not in your interests, I will tell you

and help you understand the risks so you can make an informed decision.'

Iain's core advisory services include investments, pensions, unit trusts and tax planning. Iain's work helps families plan: 'We are talking about inter-generational planning all the time these days and making sure your money stays in your family and not needlessly handed over to HMRC.'

Iain believes: 'it is essential to have a long term relationship with clients and be with them on their financial journey for years.' Clients with an ongoing relationship with their advisor are much more likely to achieve financial success.

Iain's service involves initially advising on and implementing suitable plans for clients, but more importantly carrying out annual reviews to make sure that all plans are on track, still performing well, and investigating whether or not the client's needs have changed.

'It is not just about money and returns when you are advising clients,

it is also just as important to consider that everyone has different levels of financial knowledge or indeed interest in their finances. Everyone is unique and their financial advice should be too.'

Personal wealth is about accumulating and decumulating; helping your wealth grow until the point you retire and start to use your pensions and savings so that you can enjoy the retirement you aspired to without running out of money or taking unnecessary risks.

It's not how much money you make, but how much money you keep, how hard it works for you, and how many generations you keep it for."

Many people will know Iain as a keen cyclist and see him regularly on the Southend or Carradale road when he is not in the office.

He also serves on the Machrihanish Golf Club Committee and sponsors the Machrihanish Golf Club Winter League.

'It is about being part of, and understanding, a local community,' he said.

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# Business Improvement Grants keep Oban looking good



## Businesses across Oban are looking good thanks to thousands of pounds of funding to keep up appearances

Over the last year thanks to BID4Oban members' levy payments and extra funding from the Scottish Government, businesses have been able to invest more than £50,000 in how their properties look by using Business Improvement Grants to improve signs or redecorate their shop fronts.

In just under a decade BID4oban has awarded significant funds to many businesses to successfully achieve one of its key objectives - to keep the

town looking good and Business Improvement Grants have played a successful part of that.

'First impressions count and last so making sure the front of business premises look bright and well cared for can have a major impact on the town's appeal 'and support the cost to the business,' says BID4Oban chief executive Andrew Spence.

Many businesses have used the grants to support them throughout the COVID pandemic

with funding being awarded to help cafes and similar trade.

'Businesses have also used grants to enable COVID mitigation enhancements to be made.

'Some businesses have used the grants to improve external signage at their premises. It is not just for town centre businesses and any BID4Oban Levy payer can apply for a grant.

'We are always keen to support any business and encourage them wherever possible to use local

contractors to undertake any improvement works. This ensures that any funds invested benefit all local businesses and trades.

'We have fixed annual budget and funding is awarded on a first come first served basis,' added Mr Spence.

Full details on how a business can apply for a grant can be found by visiting [www.bid4oban.co.uk](http://www.bid4oban.co.uk) or contacting the BID4Oban office in Stevenson Street.

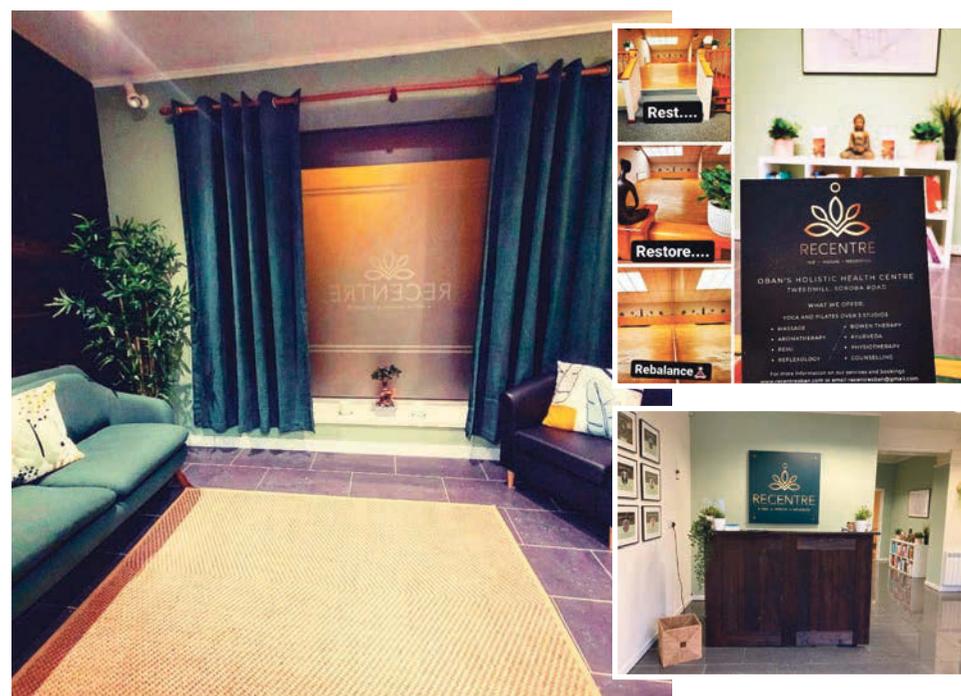
## ReCentre

'I think businesses really need to know about what help is out there for them. Hearing from someone about the Business Improvement Grants made a big difference to us. It's well worth applying for if you can,' said Susan De Almeida Ferreira who runs ReCentre holistic health centre at Tweedmill in Soroba Road

'Everyone comments wow what a nice sign. The look of a building on the outside will definitely make an impression on what people think is happening inside. The funding helped me give the outside of the centre a fresh lick of paint, tidy up the gutters and put hanging baskets outside. It had been a bit of a state before I took it on. The before and after photos show just what a huge difference the grant made. I would not have been able to do it without the funding. I'd already spent £500 on a sign I'd put up when I first moved in but that got blown off and damaged by strong winds.

'Some of the grant money was able to go to-

wards a new sign . I put a lot of thought in to this one. We worked with local design business Michael Acey, got the timber from Rembrand and Digital Kangeroo did the lettering for us so it was team work and also meant our funding supported not just us but other businesses in the town too,' said Susan.



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## Cakebreads Garden Centre

For more than 25 years gardeners across Oban and Argyll have been supplied with everything they need for their thriving gardens - now a business improvement grant is doing its bit to help keep trade flourishing.

At the end of last year, Cakebreads off Soroba Road and run by Elaine Tosh and Lynn Fisher - received funding to buy new outdoor benches to show off their plants for sale.

'The old ones were a bit worn having been outside for so long so they needed replacing. The Business Improvement Grant helped us do that. We only got the money at the end of last year so really they'll show their worth this year when all the plants are ready to go out.

'Applying for the funding was easy to do and we found that the people at BID4Oban were very helpful.

'Any help businesses can get is appreciated, especially by small ones. We'd definitely encourage others to apply for this grant,' said Elaine.



## Bay Bath & Body

Caroline Hutchison took a huge leap of faith when she opened her Bay Bath & Body business in George Street in April last year and getting a Business Improvement Grant of £1,500 gave her a helping hand.

'It was a huge leap of faith and a huge risk to start up a business during a pandemic but sometimes in life you've just got to try - and I'm so glad I did. I've found that the business is doing okay and I know if I can survive a pandemic then the signs are positive for moving forward.

'I was able to take that leap of faith because I had faith in Oban and because I did all my market research. Despite the hurdles and obstacles that Covid put in the way, I knew as long as I had the right product to fill a need then I would get through it,' said Caroline.

Trading as a bath, body and fine gift shop, Caroline knew how important it was for her shop front to present the right image.

'My business is all about well-being, looking after your body and staying beautiful so I had to make sure the front of the premises reflected exactly that. It had to look good.

'I found out about the Business Improvement Grant through my aunty who also has a business in town. Last year there was no funding available to help any start-up businesses in Argyll and Bute so it was a struggle. Without that money, I wouldn't have been able to re-paint the front, get a new sign and get an internal door fitted.

'When I heard about the grant I decided to give it a go and it was so easy. I just called up BID4Oban and they were very helpful in giving me a form to download and fill in. I met the criteria and it was as simple as that, not difficult at all.

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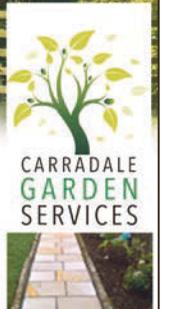


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## BIRTHS

**CAMERON** - Fraser and Alison (née Millar) are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Euan John, at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley on Sunday, January 2, 2022. Thanking staff in attendance, and midwives at Campbeltown Hospital.

**CAMERON** - Katy (née Welch) and Duncan are delighted to announce the birth, on January 3, 2022, of baby Duncan Thomas. A much loved wee brother for Lilly and Georgia and grandson for Karen and David and the late Susan and Sandy.

## ENGAGEMENT

**PARK - MCINTOSH** - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement on December 23, 2021 of George Alan, elder son of Lynn Cullen, Isle of Gigha. To Feuna Ishbel Louise only daughter of Walter Paul and Iona McIntosh, Corryvreckan, Campbeltown.

## DEATHS

**MINSHAW** - Andrew. Peacefully, on Friday, January 7, 2022, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Andrew, dearly loved son of Peggy and the late Alan, much loved brother of Gillian and Lorna and a loving uncle to his nieces and nephew. Funeral service to take place on Monday, January 24, 2022 at Glasgow Crematorium, Maryhill arriving at 12.45pm. No flowers please. Donations will be gratefully received in aid of Asylum Seekers Housing Project.

**NORRIS** - Peacefully at home, 49 New Parliament Place, Campbeltown, on January 16, 2022, Sandra McKay, in her 73rd year, dearly beloved wife of the late Kenny Norris, much loved mum of Lilibet, Joan, Kenny, Cameron, Leslie, Jason, Karen, Jamie and the late Catherine, a loving and much loved nanny and great-nanny, a beloved sister and aunt and a good friend to many. Sandra's funeral will take place on Friday, January 21, 2022. The cortège will leave the home address at 1.00p.m. following a short prayer. We will travel up New Parliament Place onto High Street, George Street, along John Street, onto Saddell Street along Kinloch Road and round the Cross on our way

to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Sandra may do so along our route or you may attend the service in Kilkerran Cemetery.

**SANDLER** - Peacefully at home, 4 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, surrounded by her family on January 15, 2022, Davina McKerral Sandler, in her 78th year, loving mother of Danny, Gordon and Andrina, much loved granny and great-granny Beena. Cremation private.

**TIMMINS** - On January 17, 2022, peacefully at home, with a smile on her face, Sheila Timmins, née Crawford, aged 61 years, beloved wife of Paul and much loved mother of Stuart and Niall, dearly loved daughter of Innes and the late Duncan Crawford, and dear sister of Andrew. A private funeral service owing to current restrictions, will take place at Tarbert Parish Church, (Bright colours requested) on Tuesday, January 25, interment thereafter at Skipness Cemetery. For those wishing to pay their respects, the cortège will leave from her home at Harbour Cottage, Garval Road at 11.15am, travel down Barmore Road, Campbeltown Road on route to the church and after the service on Campbeltown Road, Skipness Road from approximately 12.30pm.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**CAMPBELL** - Fergie and family wish to thank all family and friends for their kind messages and flowers following the sudden and sad loss of Jacqueline. Thanks goes to all the paramedics who attended, Dr Lazarus and staff at Campbeltown Hospital, also thanks to Rev. W Crossan for the church service and Rev Wallace for the service at Cardross. Thanks to Rhys and the Blair family for their compassionate and professional services.

**FYFE** - The family of the late Elizabeth Mary Fyfe would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy by card, messenger, WhatsApp, phone calls and flowers received following their recent bereavement. Grateful thanks to staff at Lochgilphead Community Hospital and the staff of Inveraray Surgery, Inveraray Pharmacy, also David and Nicola Scottish

Ambulance Service. Thanks to Sheena Johnson for a lovely personal service at Cardross. Darren for piping, deeply appreciated. Thanks to staff on duty at Cardross, and to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors and all staff for their kindness, understanding and professional services.

**GLEN** - The family of the late Thomas Mitchell Glen wish to warmly thank everyone for all the comforting words and genuine acts of kindness in our time of sadness. We would also like to express our true appreciation and gratitude to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors, Lochgilphead for their guidance and support throughout. Thank you also to the Reverend Ryan Taylor for supporting the family during this difficult time and leading such a beautiful service.

**JOHNSTON** - The family of the late Elizabeth Johnston (Betty) would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards and expressions of sympathy received following their sad loss. Grateful thanks to the doctors and staff at Campbeltown Hospital for their care and attention over the years. The family are indebted to Donna MacSporran, who along with Mandy Galbraith enabled Betty to remain in her own home with additional help latterly from the Argyll and Bute Care teams. Special thanks to Rev William Crossan and Rev Chris Holden for a very fitting and uplifting service and to David Gardiner for providing the music. Thank you to Kenneth Blair and staff for the professional handling of the funeral. Thanks also to the Argyll Hotel for excellent purvey. Also thanks to everyone who attended the service and to those who paid their respects along the route to Kilkerran.

**MCKENZIE** - Alec, Isla, Lorna and their families would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss of their beloved Mum, Eleanor. Special thanks to Collette Morgan for her support and to Mary (MacDonald) for her unfailing support and friendship to Mum. Our thanks are extended to Rev. David Carruthers

for a comforting service: to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their professional and caring arrangements: to Morna for beautiful flowers, and to the Cardross Inn for fine purvey. Lastly, our thanks to the many who attended at the crematorium service to pay their respects and show their support to the family. The retiral collection raised over £600 for Mary's Meals.

**MCMILLAN** - The family of the late Angela McMillan would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy following their sad loss. Our sincere thanks to all carers, community nurses, doctors and staff at Campbeltown Hospital and to Maggie Wilkieson. Heartfelt thanks to Mary Stewart for her dedicated care and kindness to Angela. Special thanks to Rev. Christine Fulcher for her most comforting service and to TA Blair for outstanding professionalism and attention to detail. Thanks also to Stronvaar Bowling Club, and to Argyll Bakeries for purvey. Finally, we would like to thank the many people who attended the church service and gathered on the streets to pay their final respects to Angela.

**RICH** - The family of the late Margaret Rich would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers on the recent sad loss of their mum. Thanks to the Rev Steve Fulcher for his uplifting service, grateful thanks to the staff of Carr Gomm and the Campbeltown Hospital for their care and attention, the Ardshiel Hotel for providing the catering, Kenneth Blair and staff for their professional services arranging and conducting the funeral. Finally a special thanks to all those who attended the service in the church and at the graveside and to all those who lined the streets to pay their last respects to Margaret.

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**MACKINLAY** - In loving memory of Alexander, who passed away January 25, 2016. The tears in our eyes we can wipe away The ache in our hearts will always stay - Mum, Jock, Peter and Aly.

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Alan Myles put on an impressive performance in the Pupils goal.

## Pupils U-13s battle but defeated by Dumbarton

Pupils YFC	0
Dumbarton Utd	5
GADYFL Div Two - 2009s	

Campbeltown Pupils under-13s played their first home game in almost three months on Sunday, going down 5-0 against second-top-of-the-league Dumbarton United.

Playing into a strong wind, the locals made the worst possible start, conceding after only 20 seconds after a series of mix-ups from their own kick-off.

Dumbarton continued to pile on pressure, and only some good defending and excellent goalkeeping by Alan Myles in the Pupils goal kept the score at 0-1.

The Pupils created a couple of half chances into the wind through Kadyn Prentice and Ryan Johnston, but it was the

visitors who doubled their lead shortly before half-time with a tidy finish.

Into the second half, and with the strong wind dying down somewhat, both teams had good spells of possession in a well-fought encounter.

The Pupils' chances for the main were kept to distance – Liam Judge had an effort go over the bar after good play from Taylor Purser, and Jack Green clipped the outside of the post after a fine strike from well outside the box.

Dumbarton, however, proved more clinical, adding further goals, including two strikes from long range. The Pupils almost grabbed a consolation late on when Johnston broke through, but it was saved by the Dumbarton goalkeeper.

This Sunday, the under-13s are on the road again, this time away to Busby.

# Pupils succumb to table-toppers

Campbeltown Pupils	1
Kilsyth Athletic FC	5
WoSFL - Division Four	

Campbeltown Pupils competed well last Saturday at home to Division Four league leaders Kilsyth Athletic – but still came up short in a six-goal affair.

Counting the cost of several absences due to long-term injuries and Covid infections, the Pupils named a relatively inexperienced squad but there were still familiar faces at Kintyre Park.

This included the return of Donald McCallum for his first start since August, and Ryan Deans – scorer from the Pupils' last outing, on Saturday December 18, against Harthill Royal – playing as a lone front-man in a 4-2-3-1 formation.

McCallum and Deans linked up well in the opening stages and, along with Stuart Crossan and Ellis Robertson in central midfield, worked hard on a heavy Kintyre Park pitch to keep the team moving forward against the dominant side in the division so far this season.

However, no goal could be found for the Pupils in the



Despite competing for an hour of the contest, the Pupils lost out to league leaders Kilsyth Athletic.

first half and it was the visitors who led at the break, 1-0, after the Pupils conceded a penalty, when the Kilsyth number nine got the wrong side of a Pupils defender and was brought to ground.

The Kilsyth striker dusted himself down to slot his kick low to keeper Lorne Paterson's left-hand side.

A notable debutant in goal for the McFadyens-sponsored Pupils, young keeper Paterson acquitted himself very well after being called into the squad at short notice, one of the community football club's

successful under-17s side doing so much good work in their regional Sunday league this season.

Four minutes into the second half, Paterson pounced to make a stunning point-blank save from a close-range effort from Kilsyth, before sending the ball forward, after which Ryan Deans pounced on some defensive indecision to run through on goal and equalise for the Pupils.

In a one-v-one situation with the Kilsyth keeper, Deans kept his composure, feigning a chip to wrong-foot the keeper, be-

fore calmly passing a low shot into the right side of the goal.

However, the Pupils' plans were undone due to a madcap 10-minute spell which saw them concede three goals, with visitors' recent signing Joseph Bevan scoring two of an eventual hat-trick after some classy finishing on his favoured left foot.

The Feathers-Inn sponsored Pupils tried again to rally at 4-1 and had a good chance to score when Robertson freed John McCallum to play in Andrew Renton.

Renton advanced on the left side of the box, but the youngster's touch when bearing down on goal was just on the heavy side, and allowed the keeper to lunge at his feet and collect the ball at the last moment.

Kilsyth made it 5-1 with 12 minutes remaining to end the match as a contest, giving the score line a harsh look from a Pupils' perspective, having competed well with their lofty opponents for an hour of the contest.

While such defeats are always tough, they offer valuable on-field experience for the young Pupils players in the squad, as they adjust to a higher, more physically demanding level of football in the West of Scotland FL.

The Pupils have nine fixtures left to play – five at home and four away – and are on the road again tomorrow (Saturday) against second-placed Finnart FC, at Springburn Park. Kick off is 1.30pm.

## Ladies compete in Dunaverty Golf Club's postponed December medal

Due to inclement weather, Dunaverty Golf Club's lady members rescheduled their December medal to last Saturday (January 15).

Their first competition of 2022 drew a large field of 16 keen ladies.

Although the day started off with

drizzle, it deteriorated early on, with wind and rain for almost the whole round and it was bitterly cold.

### Better half

Early players home and playing partners Elizabeth Marrison and Katharine Hardman both carded scores of 71

(+6) but Elizabeth took the lead with a better inward half.

This remained the situation until Linda Arkell, who was playing in the final group, produced a score of 70 (+5) to take the lead and win.

Results: 1 Linda Arkell 70 (+5), 2

Elizabeth Marrison 71 (+6) (bih), 3 Katharine Hardman 71 (+6).

Lowest gross: Elizabeth Marrison 84. 'Well done to all participants and what a great turnout,' said a Dunaverty Golf Club spokesperson following the medal competition.

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# Pupils' Under-17s sit top of league table after home win

Campbeltown Pupils YFC 3  
Rossvale Thistle FC 1  
GADYFL Division One 2005s

Campbeltown Pupils' under 17s sit proudly at the top of Glasgow and District Youth Football League Division One after an excellent 3-1 win at home on Sunday to an impressive Rossvale Thistle.

The Ardshiel Hotel-sponsored Pupils started on the front foot and were unlucky not to take the lead in early exchanges thanks to a number of fine saves by Kyle Moore in goal for Rossvale.

With 15 minutes gone, the Pupils got the breakthrough. Fine footwork by Ciaran Gibson saw a great pass through to Stuart Phillips who took a deft first touch before cracking the ball home to make it 1-0.

The industrious centre of midfield pairing of Scott Graham and Ryan Shields, assisted on the left by Ruaridh Green and on the right by Gibson, were showing no signs of playing their first game in seven weeks as they controlled the half for long spells.

With 15 minutes of the half remaining, Graham sent Calum Ellis through with the Pupils' striker outpacing the Rossvale defence and chipping the keeper to make it 2-0.

Shields was unlucky not to make it 3-0 just before half-time after his fine left-footed strike from the edge of the box, which beat the Rossvale

keeper, agonisingly came back off the foot of the post.

The Bishopbriggs side started the second half on the offensive and made it 2-1 in the 52nd minute with a goal from C Jay Breen following fantastic build-up play down the right by Josh McManus.

The visitors started to dominate the game with their number seven Anthony Mitchell in fine form and were unlucky not to equalise on a number of occasions. But a resilient and strong Pupils defence of Finlay Kerr, Josh Arkell, Euan Dott and Ryan Harding, assisted with the confidence of Lorne Paterson in goal stood firm.

Captain Arkell once again led by example and is forming an excellent partnership in the centre of defence with Dott, who has replaced Kyle Paterson who has not played since October 24 with injury.

The introduction of Andrew Semple at left midfield with 30 minutes to go started to stable things as the Pupils dug deep and showed great character as the East Dunbartonshire side pressed for an equaliser.

With 73 minutes on the clock, as Rossvale pressed again, Euan Dott won two strong challenges on his 18-yard line before sending an inch-perfect long through ball to Ellis, the Pupils' top scorer, who made no mistake with a left-footed finish. Scott Oman made a welcome return in goal, replacing Paterson, and made a good save from Robert McHugh just after he



The victorious Campbeltown Pupils under 17s.



Left: Pupils' Ciaran Gibson, Finlay Kerr, Ryan Shields and goalkeeper Lorne Paterson in action last weekend.

came on. The lengthy lay-off showed in the second half but the under 17s saw the result out and should be hugely proud of themselves for what is a fine result against a very good side. This Sunday, January 23, the Pupils under 17s travel to Glasgow to face another stern test against Giffnock SC. Kick-off is 1.15pm at Eastwood Park, Rouken Glen Road, Giffnock, G46 6UG.

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