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'Fresh perspective' hope for progress on A83 solutions

by Fiona Scott
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Councillor Donald Kelly welcomes the continuation of his and Councillor Douglas Philand's petition to the Scottish Parliament.

Work to identify a long-term solution for the A83 at the Rest and be Thankful is gathering pace despite the resignation of transport minister Graeme Dey earlier this week.

Mr Dey stepped down due to 'health-related' reasons and will be replaced by Jenny Gilruth, MSP for Mid Fife and Glenrothes.

The appointment has been welcomed by the Rest and be Thankful campaign group whose spokesperson said: 'We are hopeful that the new minister will be able to bring a fresh perspective and will be asking her for support to get Transport Scotland to make a decision, deliver a solution at the RABT and improve the lives of the people of Argyll.'

Before he resigned Mr Dey said that work was progressing on finding a medium-term, resilient route through Glen Croe while the long-term solution is developed.

Preliminary ground investigations are expected to get underway next month, as part of the design work to identify a preferred route option for the long-term solution.

Transport Scotland has confirmed Raeburn Drilling and Geotechnical Ltd has been appointed to undertake the £1.8 million contract which is expected to last eight to 10 weeks, ending at the end of April, weather permitting.

Transport Scotland appoints investigation contractors



A landslide from March 2021 – one of many to blight the Rest.

Kintyre councillor Robin Currie has welcomed the announcement: 'I'm glad to see that the Scottish Government has given assurances that the situation at the Rest is being treated with the seriousness and urgency it deserves, and welcome this latest step in that process.'

In a statement issued last Thursday, Transport Scotland said that the costs reflected both the challenging landscape presented at the route and the range and nature of the options under consideration.

Mr Dey assured residents and road users that the situation was being treated with the seriousness and urgency it deserved, with measures to maintain connectivity on a short, medium and long-term basis all being pursued.

'We recognise that the timescales for developing an alternative to the current route and

'In 2012 the permanent solution was costed at £68 million and would have been delivered by now'

finding a long-term solution to the challenges created by the Rest and be Thankful section of the A83 are frustrating for the local community.

However, this scheme is technically challenging and the landscape is dynamic so it is vital we understand the terrain we are working in, in order to develop a suitable solution of the correct standard in the correct place.'

In the meantime, a second petition, raised by Kintyre councillors Donald Kelly and Douglas Philand, pressing for a public inquiry into the political and financial management of the A83 problems has been

given a stay of execution by the Scottish Parliament Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee.

Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly told the Courier: 'It is good that the petition is being continued but greater scrutiny on how we have gone from £2-3 million for mitigation measures in 2012 to £100 million in 2021 is required.'

'In 2012 the permanent solution was costed at £68 million and would have been delivered by now.'

'The question we are asking is who is benefiting and who is responsible for this ongoing waste of public money?'

At its meeting on Wednesday January 19 the committee agreed to defer the matter to the Scottish Government 'to get a definitive answer on what the petition is calling for' despite members voicing reservations about 'going down the public inquiry route'.



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Education reforms look to be 'cost neutral'

by Fiona Ross
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Moving Argyll and Bute schools into clusters led by an executive head would result in neither cost-savings or increased expenditure, according to education chiefs.

Speaking on Tuesday, Argyll and Bute Council education manager for transformation Louise Connor said the school collective proposals were expected to be 'cost neutral' meaning the council expected no changes to be made to the education budget if the new scheme was implemented.

The proposals commit the council to putting more teachers in classrooms and closing no schools, but with falling school rolls predicted to decline further, and resources allocated according to pupil numbers, concerns have been raised as to how the budget



Plans for cluster schools in Argyll and Bute will have no cost impact, according to education chiefs.

can be balanced. Launching its petition against the proposals, the EIS teaching union said:

'We believe these changes are simply a cost-cutting exercise that will not empower schools and support attainment but rather will damage educational delivery, quality and equity in Argyll and Bute.'

When asked how the proposals would be cost neutral, Ms Connor explained that teachers' pay grades would be reviewed in line with changes to their roles as well as pupil numbers in their class.

She added that some

headteachers would also be expected to retire within the transition period.

Job sizing will be critical if the proposals are to be implemented,' Ms Connor said.

Council documents explain that job sizing takes into account the size of schools, leadership roles and teaching time when deciding on the salary scale for promoted posts in education.

Headteachers retiring would also form part of the modelling,' Ms Connor added.

If a school collective was agreed where there were, for

example, seven headteachers then two might be retiring and that would form part of the model. Until collectives are looked at in more detail, we can't have a clear idea of staff numbers.'

As part of the consultation process, due to finish at the end of January, the council has shared its proposals with parent groups and community councils. Feedback from the consultation is to be presented to Argyll and Bute Council in April. This will be followed by the proposals being voted on towards the end of 2022 and, if approved, interim processes to bring in the changes would begin in spring 2023.

At Tuesday's meeting it was explained, however, that the consultation will continue throughout the process with pupils, parents and educators being included in the process throughout. Dialogue is

continuing with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Argyll and the Isles concerning faith schools in school collectives.

These discussions were described by council officers as 'ongoing' and 'collaborative'.

Concerns were also raised about the timing of the proposed changes, coming when pupils' education and wellbeing had been impacted by the pandemic.

Acting head of education, learning and teaching Wendy Brownlie said: 'Young people's views have been gathered throughout and they have expressed really interesting points both for and against the changes.'

The consultation paper addresses the issue of the pandemic by saying: 'The last couple of years have been extraordinarily challenging for schools. But we need to keep thinking long term.'

POLICE FILES

Shoplifting

A 63-year-old woman was issued with a recorded police warning after she was identified as having shoplifted from Tesco, Lochend Street, Campbeltown, at 10.30 am on Sunday January 16.

Assault and abuse

At 7.30 pm on Tuesday January 18 at Longrow, Campbeltown, it is alleged that a 30-year-old man acted in a threatening manner and assaulted a woman. The man was arrested, charged and was released on an undertaking to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

No insurance

Police stopped a vehicle at 5.45am on Tuesday January 18 at High Askomill Road, Campbeltown. Checks of the vehicle revealed that the driver, a 23-year-old man, was allegedly driving the vehicle without insurance. He was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

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Campbeltown consultant lands inaugural honour

A former Campbeltown farmer has become the recipient of an award created by SAC Consulting – part of Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) – in memory of senior consultant Gavin Elrick.

The inaugural Elrick Prize, which will be presented annually, has been awarded to consultant Alex Pirie in recognition of his work to improve the sustainability of land use.

Alex, who is from a dairy farming background near Campbeltown, is already well regarded across the business and with many farming stakeholders.

Alex said: 'I am absolutely delighted and honoured to be nominated for the first Elrick Prize.'

'It is a superb way to recognise Gavin's outstanding contribution to the industry and the way in which he conducted himself.'

Alex was nominated by principal consultant Chloe McCulloch and seconded by regional development manager Raymond Crerar.

Chloe said: 'The work Alex has done in supporting the Net Zero Arran group has been inspiring.'

'His ability to attract influential stakeholders and policy makers and explain the impact

of the group will increase the opportunities for others to participate in this type of activity in future.'

'He should also be recognised for his work with the Agri Environment Climate Scheme.'

'He brings a genuine enthusiasm, coupled with creativity and significant skill, and I am in no doubt there are sustainable management activities that are only happening today because Alex stepped forward to take on a really challenging job in designing and delivering a fundable application.'

Knowledge

Gavin Elrick was part of SAC Consulting's Environment Team and helped Scottish agriculture become more sustainable by sharing his vast knowledge with farmers and crofters across the country.

His untimely death in November 2020 came as a shock to colleagues and the wider rural community.

Chloe added: 'On a personal note, Gavin may have been employed by SRUC as a consultant but he was also an advisor of the old stamp.'

'He was motivated by supporting farmers, friends and colleagues, and his industry. I see similar qualities in Alex and therefore the nomination is truly fitting.'



Alex Pirie has been awarded the inaugural Elrick Prize in recognition of his work to improve land sustainability.

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Have your say on shock Clyde fishing 'cod box' ban

Clyde fishing leaders are asking for public support in the wake of the sudden closure of an expanse of the Firth of Clyde.

The reason for the decision earlier this month by Mairi

Gougeon, cabinet secretary for rural affairs and islands, was to allow cod to spawn in the area known as the 'cod box'.

Since the scheme was introduced 20 years ago in partnership with government,

scientists and fishing interests, annual permission was given to nephrops (langoustine) trawlers, creels and scallop dredgers to fish the area, given the demonstrably low numbers of cod caught by these boats.

Ms Gougeon's announcement of a three-month ban between February and April for the next two years has drawn widespread criticism, with fishermen pointing to the fragile nature of their industry and the impact on the businesses and communities they support. Questions have also been raised about the scientific basis for the ban, though the Scottish Government maintains it was founded on 'the most up-to-date scientific evidence'.

Fishermen are sceptical, claiming that research in the Clyde stopped many years ago partly due to lack of staff at Marine Scotland. They remain willing and able, they say, to continue supporting this at any time.

What has also galled fishing leaders is that there was no prior discussion before Ms Gougeon made the announce-



All Campbeltown's fishing boats will now be banned from the 'cod box' for three months.

ment in parliament.

In a statement, the Scottish Government said: 'We appreciate this will have a short-term impact on local fishers, but taking action now to try to replenish cod and potentially other stock for the longer term is ultimately beneficial for fishing as well.'

The Clyde Fishermen's Federation (CFA) has asked the public to respond to a Scottish Government online

questionnaire on the introduction of the ban. It said: 'To all who have reached out to offer much-needed support after the sudden Clyde closure announcement - the fishing organisations nationally, the farmers who said a prayer for the fishermen, the press and the public. Please respond to this if you can. It will mean a lot.' Add your comments, via yourviews.parliament.scot/recc/the-sea-fish-ssi.

Final push for Campbeltown water project

An £800,000 Scottish Water mains improvement project in Campbeltown is close to completion.

Contractor Amey began laying the final sections of nearly 1.5 miles of new pipe in Dalaruan Street, High Askomil and Low Askomil Walk on Monday with some additional works included.

Work is expected to continue for approximately three weeks by local firm McFadyens Contractors Ltd.

Georgina Reid, Scottish Water's corporate affairs

regional manager, said: 'We had been on course to complete this much-needed project before Christmas.'

'We took a decision to carry out some additional works to upgrade the existing main, which will provide further resilience to the local water network, and improve our service to customers in the area.'

'We will do all we can to minimise any local disruption and we would like to thank this community for their continued patience and

understanding.'

Once complete, the project will reduce the risk of bursts and unplanned interruptions to supply.

All traffic management has been agreed with Argyll and Bute Council.

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The Campbeltown project is expected to be completed next month.

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CalMac rejects warnings of a summer squeeze on Islay ferries' capacity

Competition for space on Islay's ferries will be even hotter this summer, the island's ferry group warns, unless CalMac heeds its advice to increase capacity in the face of rising 'record' demand.

This month's Islay Community Council heard CalMac and Transport Scotland had so far rejected a case by Islay Community Council Ferry Committee (ICCF) to put on more sailings in the summer 2022 timetable.

Instead, capacity remains at last summer's levels, despite evidence of increasing demand from hauliers, distilleries, contractors and visitors this year, on top of the needs of locals.

The ICCFC's vice chairman Jim Porteous first thanked CalMac for 'doing its best' for the island, keeping ferries sailing this winter while crews



Islay ferry MV Finlaggan.

were off sick with Covid.

He then updated on its December meeting about the summer 2022 timetable.

'In June, we were given three weeks to say what we wanted for the summer 2022 timetable,' Mr Porteous said. 'It took six months to come back to us.

All that time seems to have been wasted. By the time it came out in December, it was

a fait accompli.

'Transport Scotland has rejected our case for extra capacity. It is going to give us, at this moment, exactly what it gave us last year. That is not enough.'

'The distilleries are currently forecasting 24.7 per cent in production growth. One of the major hauliers on the island has increased block bookings

Transport Scotland says services already operating at their maximum

by 10 per cent, which equals about 50 car spaces every week.'

If Covid travel restrictions continue to ease, he added, continental visitors would return too. 'Even CalMac has gone public saying it is expecting record volumes. In relation to Islay it has gone up by approximately four per cent per year for the last 10 years. So it must be more.'

'They say to us: "You are getting two new ferries. This is a temporary situation." Each will give us an extra 40 per cent in capacity. Well, the new ferries are probably not going to be operating on our route until 2025. So we have got

quite a stretch between times.

'We will be asking where the extra space is going to come from, because something has to give. We have to convince them this is reality.'

Islay McEachern, the ICCFC's convener, said: 'I do not think they really took us seriously with the numbers.'

He listed many new works this year: new distilleries at Farkin and Port Ellen, an expansion at Caol Ila and the Bowmore Water Mains Improvement. 'There is going to be a lot of contractors,' he said. 'Tourists have to get on. The community has to get on. We have this increase in 24.7 per cent [in distillery produc-

tion]. Put it all together on top of what we had last year and it just does not stack up. We have to go round the table again and hopefully get some additional capacity.'

A Transport Scotland spokesperson said: 'CalMac considered in detail the requests put forward by the Islay Ferry Committee for the summer 2022 timetable.'

'However, this concluded that services are already operating at maximum capacity within a complex operated environment meaning any additional services are unaffordable and the Kennacraig-Isleay timetable will remain the same for summer 2022.'



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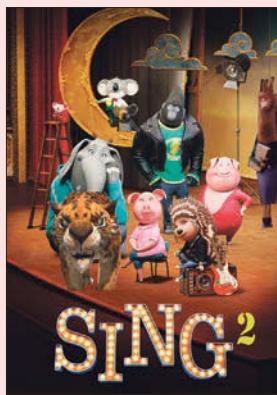
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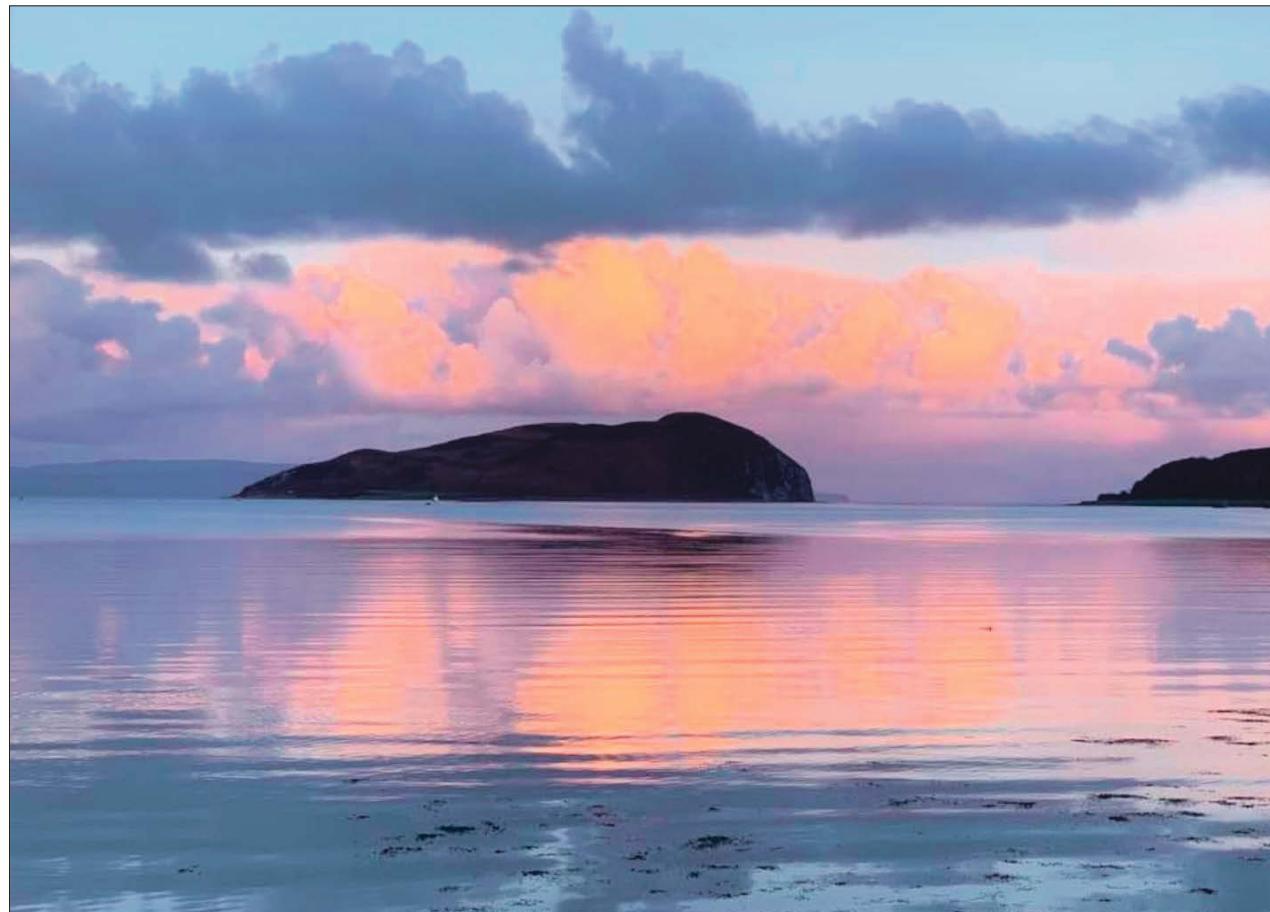


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Buster Moon and his all-star cast of animal performers prepare to launch a dazzling stage extravaganza in the glittering entertainment capital of the world.

There's just one hitch, he has to find and persuade the world's most reclusive rock star to join them. What begins as Buster's dream of big-time success soon becomes an emotional reminder of the power of music to heal even the most broken heart.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Lizzie Jasper captured this photograph of golden clouds over Davaar Island reflected in Campbeltown Loch on a late afternoon Sunday walk late last year. If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk or get in touch via the Courier's Facebook page.

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If you will be 16 by the time of the May election and want to know more about how you can get involved, visit electoralcommission.org.uk/welcome-your-vote/resources-14-18-year-olds.

Or, if you work with young people, you can find out more about starting conversations about democracy and voting at electoralcommission.org.uk/welcome-your-vote.

Information about the local government election in Argyll and Bute is updated regularly on the council's website.

Fears grow over future of children's music festival

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Fears are growing the children's Kintyre Music Festival could fold after more than 40 years unless volunteers come forward to join the organising committee.

The popular event, which showcases the musical talent of primary and secondary schoolchildren from Kintyre and beyond, typically takes place each June but hasn't been held since 2019 because of the Covid pandemic.

Now, a spokesperson for the group has told the Courier it may never be held again unless several volunteers join the committee, including someone willing to take on the role of secretary.

'We've got a very small committee but, with all the rules and regulations that will be required from now on, we don't have the manpower to

proceed,' said the spokesperson. 'In addition to organising competitions, manning doors and everything else we usually do, we'd have to carry out rigorous cleaning and contact tracing, and it's just not feasible.'

'Most competitions take place between 9am and 5pm, which is when a lot of parents are working, so we know it's difficult for people.'

'But unless there's a lot of interest from people wanting to serve on the committee, I don't think the festival will be going ahead in future.'

Each year for more than four decades, the week-long festival has challenged young musicians through more than 20 competitions for various age groups and musical genres including brass, woodwind, piano, vocals and piping.

The festival culminates in a weekend cup-winners' concert at which all of the first-placed



The festival showcases the musical talent of schoolchildren from Kintyre and beyond. This photograph shows the winning rural choir, from Drumlembie Primary School, with conductor Raibeart McCallum, at the most recent festival in 2019. 50_c25KMF18

entrants in each class perform their winning pieces.

The 2020 event was cancelled at the start of the pandemic and, with restrictions still in place in 2021, a virtual festival was held during what would have been the festival week.

Children were invited to submit clips of their music which were then shared on

the Kintyre Music Festival Facebook page for family and members of the community to enjoy.

But this year, with a couple of stalwart committee members retiring from their roles, even that may not be possible.

'If anyone wants to join us and keep the festival alive, they can let us know by contacting

us through our Facebook page,' said the spokesperson.

Any past competition-winning musicians who still have their cups and trophies are asked to hand them in to their schools. A decision on what to do with them will then be taken if not enough committee members are found to allow the festival to continue.



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There's a legion of help in fight against COVID-19

Getting your booster jab remains the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones against COVID-19 - and many of our armed forces veterans are offering their skills in the vaccine rollout

THERE IS a legion of volunteers, many veteran Armed Forces personnel, continuing to help with vaccines rollout.

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Many Vets also continue to show a spirit of service, stemming from their military service to our country, offering their time to community, charity or wider public sector efforts.

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster Steve Barclay said: "I thank all those veterans for this effort and remind everyone that the best defence against COVID is to get boosted now."



'GET BOOSTED NOW': Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster Steve Barclay

Booster jab is vital

Every adult needs to get a COVID-19 booster vaccine, because two doses of the vaccine do not give enough protection against catching the Omicron variant. Check your eligibility and find out how to book at nhs.uk/covidvaccination



'I believe we always have that sense of service'



Sally Orange, 48, Major (Army Reserves), retired, Salisbury, Wiltshire

Since leaving the military three years ago, physiotherapist Sally has returned to the NHS to assist with the pandemic at a Nightingale facility and in the national vaccine rollout.

"As a veteran, I believe we always have that sense of service," said Sally, who joined Royal Army Medical Corps in 1998 and served as a qualified physiotherapist throughout her 22-year career, playing a pivotal role in recovery and rehabilitation of many service personnel returning from conflicts such as Iraq and Afghanistan.



"Knowing there was a mass national effort to be able to combat the virus through the vaccine rollout, I didn't hesitate to get involved. A further

benefit of volunteering is it has really helped maintain my mental well-being as it prevents me from being isolated."

Sally trained in giving people their jabs and administrative duties involved on the rollout. Through her work at a Nightingale hospital, she has seen first-hand the devastation and grief COVID-19 has caused.

"If you are hesitant about getting the vaccine it is still worth going to your local vaccine walk-in centre, where everything will be explained to you."

"You will be able to ask any questions and be given answers in a language you understand rather than lots of medical jargon," assured the National Ambassador for the Army Cadet Force.

Well known for her endurance challenges, including running 70 marathons across the world, dressed as pieces of fruit, Sally has raised more than £500,000.



MAJOR HELP: Sally is assisting at Nightingale Hospital London



GET BOOSTED NOW

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Sharing a feeling of duty and wanting to get the job done is what drives Alex

Alex Turnbull, 24, Reservist (3rd Battalion Royal Welsh), West of Scotland

A sense of duty drove Alex Turnbull to "enlist" in the vaccine rollout programme.

A reservist in the 3rd Battalion Royal Welsh for six years, Alex has been responsible for overseeing mobile PCR testing units across Scotland.

"I've also been on the frontline to explain the testing process to members of the public.



More recently, I've been managing the military support to the Scottish Ambulance Service," he said.

"You're always ready to jump in when required. Given COVID is such a big issue I was more than happy to get behind the cause. I felt a sense of duty."

Alex is aware of the importance of the booster jab. "I'd encourage everyone to do it.

SENSE OF DUTY: Alex Turnbull is helping keep others safe

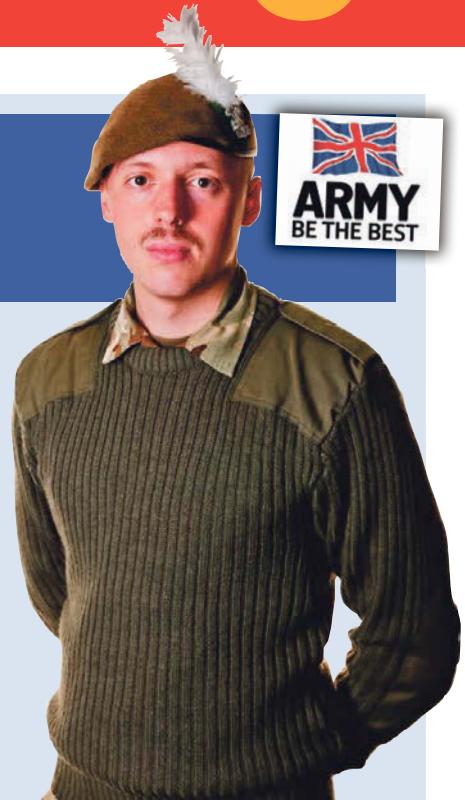
"It's the right thing to do to keep ourselves safe while working on the frontline. It's also the right thing to do to keep other people safe."

"Getting the booster is part of learning to live with the virus and part of getting our lives back to some sort of normal."

His role has involved transporting ambulance drivers from one station to another, no matter what the circumstance and his military experience is invaluable in this instance.

"Even when there's been thick snow and ice on the ground, we've always done the job (assuming it was safe to do so) – and got ambulance drivers to their stations on time.

"We all share a sense of duty and a service ethos. We all want to get the job done."



'We have the ability to turn on a sixpence'

Rebecca Dennett, 40, Squadron Leader (Royal Air Force), retired, East of England

Squadron Leader Rebecca Dennett's 12 years with the RAF stood her in great stead for her role in the vaccination rollout.

"We have a lot of transferable skills and useful experience, especially the ability to turn on a sixpence," said Rebecca, an intensive care nurse before joining the service.

"The vaccination programme was working in a space where the science was still rolling out the answers and the military are trained to work in constantly evolving situations," she said.



USEFUL EXPERIENCE:
Rebecca Dennett.
Picture: Gareth Iwan Jones



In the RAF, she worked in medical evacuation as a critical care nurse. "That meant I was an intensive care nurse in the air, which requires a very specific focus and resilience, which could be put to good use in the vaccination programme."

Deputy director of the Flu and COVID Vaccination Programme for NHS England and NHS Improvement East of England, Rebecca manages a 50-strong team including other Veterans.

"The team knows what a difference the booster jabs make and have responded with an amazing effort in providing the booster over December – one day we provided 104,000 doses," she continued.

"The public response has been incredible. More than eight in ten people who are eligible have now received their top-up protection.

"We have to remember those who want it but have busy lives and haven't fitted it in yet, so we are there for them, pushing it out and providing outreach."

A skillset the country can use



Jake Wade, 56, (ex Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Army Medical Corps), Hartlepool, County Durham

After 25 years in the Navy and Royal Marines, Jake Wade transferred to Royal Army Medical Corps to be "specifically involved in secondary health care and mental health support".

With Gulf War, Kurdistan and Kosovo service behind him, he joined the NHS in 2019 to oversee control and distribution of Personal Protective Equipment.

"My logistics knowledge came to the fore to make sure community midwives and health visitors had the PPE they needed," he explained.

"In some cases the job entailed me going out, doing the deliveries myself in the van! There just wasn't anybody there to do it. You felt as though you were making a real difference."

Jake then helped establish the Regional Vaccination Operational Cell in East Midlands before becoming Deputy



MAKING A DIFFERENCE: Jake Wade, left, and above in his Navy days

Program Lead for Assurance, Improvement and Strategy.

"The benefits of having ex-service people on the team is they've come through leadership training and management training as part of the routine."

And, on Veterans stepping up, he added: "You've got a group of people who drop everything as soon as they're asked, regardless of what their family commitment might be, and go and do the job. I don't think there is a better resource for the country to draw upon."

"The retired individuals have a skillset that the country can use. When you retire from the military you don't stop everything you're doing. It doesn't mean you can't still use that expertise to volunteer."

Every adult in the country now needs to get a COVID-19 booster vaccine, because two doses does not give you enough protection against catching Omicron. To book yours and find out more visit nhs.uk/covidvaccination

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday January 27, 2012

Library housebound book delivery service decreases

The number of people using a local library service for the housebound has decreased.

Over the years, Campbeltown Library has provided a library book delivery service to people who have difficulty leaving their home.

Now it is trying to get more folk using the scheme and get more locals reading again.

There are currently six housebound people in Kintyre who take advantage of this.

The library books are delivered by six volunteers on a three-weekly rota by British Red Cross to people who live in Campbeltown.

Although this service is limited to the Campbeltown area, arrangements for a family member or a carer to collect items can be extended to those outside the town.

Staff at Campbeltown Library are happy to help people select books to suit a reader's preference.

This service has been in operation for the last two decades and it's free of charge. The loan period is up to three months to maximise readers' flexibility and needs. There is no limit on the number of people wishing to enjoy this scheme.

Parking will always be a problem

Parking will always be a problem in

Campbeltown, according to the local police inspector. Inspector Tom Harper told last week's meeting of Campbeltown Community Council there is still a problem in Burnside Square because of the lack of road markings.

'It is difficult to enforce any parking restrictions,' he said. 'It is not going to go away until it's reviewed and something is done about it.'

Inspector Harper said police in the town were working their way through illegal parking areas like Longrow as and when required.

'I think the problem has improved to a certain extent; it comes in drips and drabs. A management plan is still being looked at,' he told community councillors.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday January 24, 1997

Music instructors might go if proposed council cuts go ahead

Campbeltown's Gordon Evans is one of 21 music instructors in Argyll and Bute who will lose their jobs if the council's proposed budget cuts go ahead.

Just one of literally hundreds of cuts, the proposal to withdraw all music instruction will save the council £183,000 out of a total target of £8 million.

Designed to enable the council to reach the government capping limit for 1997-98, it will affect nine full-time and 13 part-time music



In 2012: David Mullen, left, and Dave Ward of Campbeltown Lifeboat Station, testing the crew's new lifejackets with Finn and Rowan MacKay-Hubbard. Finn and Rowan were visiting Campbeltown with their dad for the day when they got the chance to see the lifeboat team in action. The new lifejackets have been introduced over the last few weeks and each of the 28 crew members had to test the lifejackets as they differ from the old ones, before the new kit can be brought into use. These new ones are more comfortable, have extra pockets and are more 'user-friendly'.

instructors. 'I'm obviously devastated,' said Mr Evans. 'It's going to put me out of a job.'

'At the moment we're told it's just one of the

options but the ramifications are obviously horrible. It will take music in this area back 100 years,' he said.

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As the first official music instructor appointed by the council, Mr Evans has been in his job for more than 18 years.

Teaching two-and-a-half days a week at Campbeltown Grammar School and another two-and-a-half in several primary schools, while managing the Campbeltown school band and Campbeltown Brass, his contribution to the musical life of Kintyre has been immense. During his time at the grammar school, Mr Evans has helped the band become Scottish Junior Champions in the last three annual competitions and third and second in the UK Championships in 1995 and 1996 respectively.

The Concert Wind Band has been British champions twice in the past.

'Obviously I recognise the desperate position of the council in relation to the government restriction on its budget,' said William Crossan, Campbeltown Grammar School rector.

'However, I also recognise the enormous value of music tuition to individual pupils in terms of the skill it provides them with and the life chances it opens up to them; secondly, to the school, in terms of what it does to enhance the ethos and reputation of the school and, thirdly, what it provides for our community in terms of the enrichment of its cultural and musical life.'

The proposed cut is just one of 33 which have been put forward for the education budget amounting to a total saving of £3.5 million.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO
Thursday January 27, 1972

Campbeltown-built Halcyon trawler relaunched

Now plying the waters of Lake Rudolf is the £60,000 trawler Halcyon, which was built at Campbeltown last year.

The fisheries research vessel was shipped to Mombasa from Glasgow before making an epic 800-mile overland journey to the lake.

Special equipment aboard the boat includes Triton echo sounding gear, a purse seine trawl winch, a windlass, plankton samplers and a refrigeration plant.

The Halcyon also carries a wide variety of net gear, most of which was provided by Bridport Gundry's Campbeltown depot.

The British Information Services in Nairobi have sent us information about the boat's two year project:

'The Halcyon will play a major role in a research survey of the fish resources in Lake Rudolf to provide reliable estimates of the fishing potential in the lake and plans for its commercial exploitation.'

'The survey will be based on acoustic methods of stock assessment supported by data from purse seine, mid water trawl and gill net catches.'

'A team of British and Kenyan scientists will study the ecology of the fish which are of great economic importance and the most appropriate means of catching them as well as the basic organic food production of the lake.'

Editor's note: Lake Rudolf is now called Lake Turkana and Lake Turkana National Park is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



In 1972: The Halcyon's second launching, this time in a rather warmer climate. The vessel is about to be launched into El Molo Bay on Lake Rudolf.

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Rest debacle questions still require answers

The announcement that a £1.8 million contract has been awarded to Raeburn Drilling and Geotechnical Ltd to undertake ground investigation work at the A83's Rest and Be Thankful has been widely welcomed.

Argyll and Bute MSP Jenni Minto echoed all interested parties when stating that 'the delivery of a permanent solution to end the frequent closures is essential to securing a prosperous future for the area'.

While agreeing with her sentiment, however, Argyll and Bute councillors Donald Kelly and Douglas Philand are determined to push ahead with their call for a public inquiry into where the £87 million of public money already spent has gone.

At a meeting of a Scottish Parliament committee on January 19, the question of an inquiry into the financial management of the project was met with a less than warm reception from the government politicians present, despite the backing of two petitions containing 10,000 signatures.

Councillor Kelly has since accused the committee of 'sidestepping the issue' and 'missing the point' while Councillor Philand commented: 'If the panel believes there should be no inquiry about the management of £87 million I would have real worries.'

The Scottish Parliament Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee will write to the Scottish Parliament on the matter. Petition signatories await the outcome with bated breath.

Help sought in research into World War II submariner

I live in New York but am originally from Campbeltown and I'm researching my father Walter Timms and his time in the Royal Navy during World War II.

My dad died when I was only eight months old and I don't have a lot of information about him but I know he was a submariner who joined the Royal Navy in 1943 and served until 1946.

I have just received his military records but they don't give me much more information.

I am hoping your readers may be able to help me in my search for photographs of Royal Navy personnel and submarines that were in Campbeltown's harbour during World War II, especially between 1943 and 1946.

Please email any images to me at caroline_lounsbury@yahoo.com. Thank you.

Caroline Lounsbury, New York, USA.

Last chance to Double The Love for Mary's Meals

We want to let readers know this is the last month for their donations to Mary's Meals to be

matched through the charity's Double The Love campaign.

We have been enormously moved by the stories of the children who eat Mary's Meals. Children like 11-year-old Failo, whose life is in some ways no different to that of children living here in Argyll and Bute. He enjoys playing football with his friends and, in class, loves reading and writing. But his life can be very hard. He lives in a rural village in Zambia where there is no electricity and his windowless home is made from mud bricks. Food is scarce and Failo relies on a serving of porridge from Mary's Meals each morning in school – often his first meal of the day. More than two million children in 20 countries eat Mary's Meals every school day. The food attracts them into the classroom, where they receive an education that can, in the future, be their ladder out of poverty. Until Monday January 31, donations made to this wonderful charity's Double The Love campaign will be matched by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6 million – meaning even more little ones will receive a nutritious meal at school.

We hope readers will visit marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove to donate.

Emma and Sophie Thompson, actors and Mary's Meals ambassadors.

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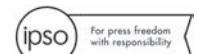
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Thought for the Week

Candlemass, the Scottish Quarter Day, falls on Wednesday February 2.

It's 40 days after Christmas Day, the day we take down our crib. It's also halfway to the spring equinox. On that day, the sun – if there is any – shines directly through my south-facing window. Light fills the house.

Along with St Brigid's Day on February 1, it is an ancient Celtic festival of light. The light that shines in the darkness and will not be overcome.

On Candlemass Day, Christians process into church with lighted candles, which are blessed to represent Christ, the true Light of the World. We hold that Light.

An ancient writer said that Christians are like people 'facing east in winter'. Our backs are cold in the wintry air, but our faces are warmed by the rising sun and the hope of the coming spring, summer and harvest. We are living through wintry times. I never thought to see our parliament so disgraced or Europe threatened once more with war. I hoped growing international prosperity would feed a hungry world; that together we could address climate change. Instead, lies, greed and hate spoil everything.

Our backs are cold. Yet our faces are warmed because we trust: Truth cannot be overpowered. Christ is the Rising Light which cannot be conquered. We hope. And transformed by hope, we live truly and, living in truth, we too become the Light of the World.

Reverend Canon Simon Mackenzie,
Lochgilphead Scottish Episcopal Church.

BELLOCHANTUY

Talking about smocking at SWI branch meeting

The first 'proper' meeting of the Bellochantuy branch of the Scottish Women's Institute took place at a new venue and a new time earlier this month.

The ladies gathered at A'Chleit Church Hall at 2pm on Saturday January 15 and, after a short business discussion, secretary Libby Kerr demonstrated smocking – a method of adding decoration to a piece of clothing.

Members were first shown how the smocking effect was achieved and then embroidered by hand. Mrs Kerr then showed the group a 'fascinating' machine she bought in South Africa that does the initial smocking, leaving the embroidery to be applied by hand. She also shared with the ladies 'delightful' examples of her finished children's dresses. A vote of thanks was given by Tricia Fair and a much appreciated cup of tea drew the meeting to a close.

The next meeting will be at A'Chleit Church Hall at 2pm on Saturday February 19, with an exhibition of automata and whirligigs.

'Visitors will be very welcome,' said a group spokeswoman.

ISLAY

Offshore wind farm deal welcomed by council leader

The leader of Argyll and Bute Council has welcomed news of ScottishPower being awarded the seabed rights to develop an offshore wind-



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.

farm off Islay. The deal, as part of Crown Estate Scotland's ScotWind Leasing, was reported in last week's Courier.

Kintyre and the Islands councillor Robin Currie, an Islay resident, said: 'This has the potential to bring significant benefits to Argyll and Bute, as well as more widely across Scotland.'

'It could increase by 200 per cent the amount of clean energy we produce in Argyll and Bute and make a major contribution to getting Scotland, and Argyll and Bute, to net zero. It creates opportunities for a substantial number of temporary and permanent jobs across Argyll and Bute. It also has the potential to position Argyll and Bute as a place where new industries, such as data centres, can access a ready supply of renewable energy. We look forward to working with ScottishPower Renewables on this project.'

ScottishPower – in partnership with Shell – has also been awarded the seabed rights to develop two floating windfarms off the east and north-east coasts of Scotland. At 2GW and

3GW respectively, these will be among the first large-scale floating windfarms in the world.

Trade union GMB's Scotland secretary Louise Gilmour said: 'After the abject failure of the last decade on offshore wind manufacturing, progress will be judged on the number of jobs and scale of investment this leasing round brings to Scotland. There are no guarantees. The list of successful applicants includes firms that have offshored tens of thousands of green manufacturing jobs to the rest of the world in previous projects. This is a massive test of the renewables industry's environmental and social justice credentials and the last chance saloon for political leaders who have promised a green jobs revolution for years.'

The 2GW Islay offshore wind farm proposal will be subject to achieving all the necessary permissions that cover this.

Potential suppliers can get involved through the ScottishPower website at scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/machairwind.aspx.

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Big Energy Saving Winter

Top tips to save energy from Energy Saving Trust

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Energy Saving Trust

Whether you're a homeowner, a private or social renter, a student, or you live with your parents, there are many things you can do.

We're all responsible for the energy we use in our homes. Take a look at our quick tips and see how you could save up to £248 a year* on your bills.

01 Switch off standby

You can save around £40 a year just by remembering to turn your appliances off standby mode.

Almost all electrical appliances can be turned off at the plug

without upsetting their programming. You may want to think about getting a standby saver or smart plug which allows you to turn all your appliances off standby in one go. Check the instructions for any appliances you aren't sure about. Some satellite and digital TV recorders may need to be left plugged in so they can keep track of any programmes you want to record.

02 Draught-proof windows and doors

Unless your home is very new, you will lose some heat through draughts around doors and windows, gaps around the floor, or through the chimney.

Professional draught-proofing of windows, doors and blocking

cracks in floors and skirting boards can cost around £200, but can save around £30 a year on energy bills. DIY draught proofing can be much cheaper.

03 Turn off lights

Turn your lights off when you're not using them or when you leave a room. This will save you around £14 a year on your annual energy bills.

Replacing all the lights in your home with LED bulbs could help you save even more.

04 Careful with your washing

You can save around £20 a year from your energy bill just by using your washing machine more carefully:

- Use your washing machine on a 30-degree cycle instead of higher temperatures and save £10 a year on energy.
- Only wash your clothes in your washing machine when you have a full load. Reducing your washing machine use by one run per week for a year could save you an extra £10.

05 Avoid the tumble dryer

Avoid using a tumble dryer for your clothes: dry clothes on racks inside where possible or outside in warmer weather to save £40 a year.

06 Spend less time in the shower

Keeping your shower time to just four minutes could save a typical household £45 a year on their energy bills.

07 Swap your bath for a shower

Some of us might enjoy a long soak in the bath, but swapping just one bath a week with a four-minute shower could save you £7 a year on your energy bills.

08 Be savvy in the kitchen

Kettles are one of the most used appliances in the kitchen. But many of us will admit that we at least occasionally boil the kettle with more water than we're going to use. Avoid overfilling the kettle and save yourself £8 a year on your electricity bill. You could also consider fitting an aerator onto your existing kitchen tap to reduce the amount of water coming out without affecting how it washes or rinses. An aerator is a small gadget with tiny holes – they attach to the spout of taps and are cheap and easy to install – and could save you £14 a year.



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09 Fill your dishwasher

Only run your dishwasher when it is full to reduce the amount of water you use. Reducing your dishwasher by one run per week for a year could save you £10.

10 Top up the insulation

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A helping hand, when energy bills and debts are soaring

Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau is here to help

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Over the last few weeks, the Citizens Advice Bureau's manager Jen Broadhurst has shared some of the real-life experiences local people are facing as they struggle with the rising costs of home energy.

This week we talk to Elizabeth Dobbie, one of the bureau's advisers specialising in energy, debt and benefits advice. Elizabeth has been with the local bureau for some time now helping people with Universal Credit and now finds that she's increasingly spending more of her time advising people on what type of help best suits their circumstances as they try to cope with the rising cost of electricity and gas.

Speaking to Elizabeth, she told me: 'Lots of people think there isn't anything that can be done to help with the rises we're seeing with electricity and gas. We help people on low incomes, whether working or not working, they are finding money really tight right now. We also know people are facing higher bills especially at this time of year and struggling to manage debts.'

'To give you an example, just the other day we took a call from a lady, living on her own who had been isolating, she had run out of credit on her pre-payment meter meaning she was without heating or lighting and no money coming in for another four days. On top of that, her limited amount of food in the house wouldn't keep her fed until then.'

'The first priority was to get the lack of electricity sorted, then some food' said Elizabeth.

'Next thing was to arrange a convenient time to dis-



cuss this lady's circumstances. As soon as I ran through her income and out-goings, we identified she was paying more council tax than she was liable for, then we discussed the sizeable energy debt that she was being asked to repay to see what could be done to make her repayments a lot more affordable.

'Another regular concern we hear is overly complicated energy tariffs, the range of unit costs and daily standing charges,' said Elizabeth. 'They can be truly daunting and so can phoning energy companies to discuss tariffs or demands about huge hikes in direct debits.'

'What I would say to anyone worrying about their heating bills soaring sky high is to get in touch, let me or one of my colleagues here at Argyll and Bute Citizens

Advice Bureau help you. That's what we're here for. We can do all of the above and more, we'll help you to apply for everything you're entitled to, we specialise in accessing health-related support and benefits too. We can talk to your energy company about your tariff, the bills they are asking you to pay or any debts, energy included, that are keeping you awake at night.'

Hearing Elizabeth's encouraging words, I asked what made her become an adviser with the bureau. Elizabeth replied: 'I know everyone faces challenges and struggles, and some of those are just too much for people to cope with alone. Being an adviser is a way to lighten the load that is weighing someone down. Bureau advisers aim to show people the path to resolving their issues, and to assist them to achieve that

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resolution. It can make such a big difference to a person's well-being. There's a lot of complex rules and regulations out there – having a guide to help navigate a way through can give people clarity and peace of mind. I hope the work of the bureau eases some of the stress felt by members of our community and helps us all feel that bit better.'

A couple more things, added Elizabeth. 'We would urge anyone

worried about any aspect of their energy bills, benefits or what's the best thing to do with any amount of debt, or who knows someone who may benefit from independent and confidential help, to get in touch with the local bureau. It's free and we're here to help in these tough times.

'The energy price cap is expected to rise sharply in April and we're braced for further hikes in electricity and gas prices. With that in mind we also routinely discuss longer term solutions to help cut down on energy usage and quite often we suggest a referral to Home Energy Scotland for free and impartial advice suited to the client's type of property.'

'We also encourage people to get in touch who depend on 'unregulated fuels', such as oil, coal or wood. We can discuss affordability, budgeting and whether a Home Energy Scotland referral would be suited to the client's circumstances.'

'We welcome inquiries from all households throughout Argyll and Bute - owner occupied, housing association tenants and private tenants, and we can even work with landlords.'

'If you have been wondering what to do about your rising energy bills or debts; wondering who you can speak to in confidence, there is no better place seek help and advice than your local Citizens Advice Bureau.'

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A brief guide to some of the energy-saving technology to help reduce your bills

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Biomass

BENEFITS

- affordable heating fuel
- financial support
- a lower carbon option



Biomass is a renewable energy source, generated from burning wood, plants and other organic matter, such as manure or household waste. It releases carbon dioxide when burned, but considerably less than fossil fuels.

Biomass heating systems burn wood pellets, chips or logs to provide warmth in a single room or to power central heating and hot water boilers.

A stove burns logs or pellets to heat a single room – and may be fitted with a back boiler to provide water heating as well. A boiler burns logs, pellets or chips, and is connected to a central heating and hot water system. A wood-fuelled biomass boiler could save you up to £1,350 a year compared to an old electric heating system.

Home – it's somewhere you want to feel safe and warm. That involves using energy to heat or cool your property, generate hot water and power all your appliances and devices.

Around 22% of the UK's carbon emissions come from our homes, as a result.

We want to help you save money on your bills at the same time as reducing your carbon footprint. So, whether that involves being more energy efficient, generating your own renewable energy, switching to a green tariff or insulating your home to keep the heat in – Energy Saving Trust have got advice and information to help.

How does a heat pump work?

Everything around us contains thermal energy – or heat. Heat naturally flows from a warmer place to a colder place. To provide the heat energy in a home when outdoor temperatures are colder, we need heat to flow in the other direction – from a colder place to a warmer place. But how does it do it?

When the pressure of a gas increases, the temperature also increases. When the pressure decreases, the temperature decreases. This relationship between pressure and temperature is the key to how a heat pump works.

The gas is called a 'refrigerant' and a heat pump uses electricity to compress this refrigerant, increasing the pressure and therefore the temperature.

As the refrigerant's heat is transferred to your home through the heat exchanger, it cools down a little. The refrigerant is then allowed to expand so that it cools even further. It's now cold enough to absorb more heat from outside and begin the process again.

The heat delivered to the heat exchanger can then be used to heat your home. This would normally be done using a central heating system.

Solar hot water

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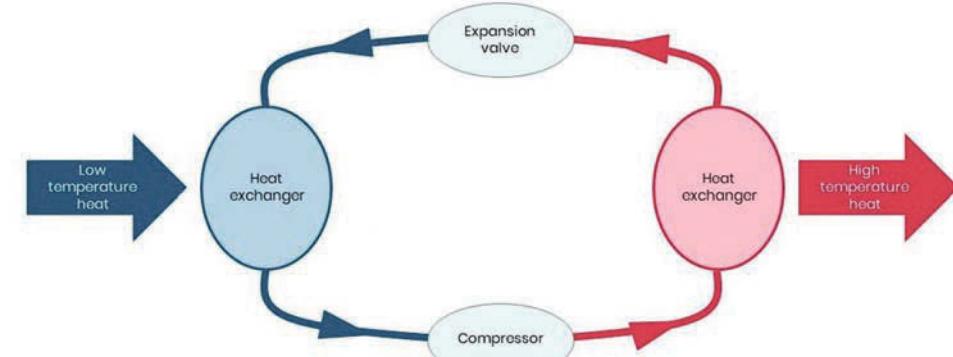
- hot water throughout the year
- reduced energy bills
- lower carbon footprint



Solar water heating systems, or solar thermal systems, use energy from the sun to warm water for storage in a hot water cylinder or thermal store. Because the amount of available solar energy varies throughout the year, a solar water heating system won't provide 100% of the hot water required throughout the year. A conventional boiler or immersion heater is normally used to make up the difference.

Larger solar hot water arrays can also be arranged to provide some contribution to heating your home. However, the amount of heat provided is generally very small (less than 10% of the home's heating requirement), so it is not usually considered worthwhile.

Most solar hot water systems are just designed to provide the hot water you use for bathing, showering and hot taps.



Types of heat pumps include:

• Air Source heat pump

With an air source heat pump (ASHP), the cold refrigerant starts its journey in the outside unit (called an evaporator). It absorbs heat energy from air blown across a heat exchanger, using fans. Although the air is cool in the winter, there is plenty of energy available because of the large volume of air that passes over the heat exchanger.

• Ground Source heat pump

With a ground source heat pump (GSHP), the heat energy is gathered from water circulating in underground pipes, which is pumped to a heat exchanger inside the house. The cool water, which is mixed with antifreeze and referred to as 'brine', passes through the heat exchanger, transferring the heat to the refrigerant, which continues its journey around the compressor circuit.

First impressions matter, as to another busy tourist season



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.

One business ready to find out more about

how a Business Improvement Grant can help keep up the town's standards is Alba Kitchen Garden in Albany Street.

Other beneficiaries include: Bay Bath & Body, Cakebreads Garden Centre, Floorshop, Highland Fasteners, Highland Fold Ice Cream, Katya Embroidery, MacGillivrays Seafood, and many more.

Full details on how a business can apply for a grant can be found by visiting www.bid4oban.co.uk or contacting the BID4Oban office in Stevenson Street.

Alba Kitchen Albany Street, Oban



Graham Fraser took advantage of a BID4Oban Business Improvement Grant to give his Albany Street delicatessen a touch of kerb appeal.

When opening up Alba's Kitchen Garden in October 2020, owner Graham Fraser wanted the frontage to blend in with his two adjoining

businesses while giving the new delicatessen its own identity at the same time.

The Albany Street premises is proving highly popular and its owner believes that his BID4Oban Business Improvement Grant helped achieve this.

'We benefited from the grant which helped us open our delicatessen, a service that had been lost to the community, during a year of pandemic,' said Graham who believes BID4Oban has become a major force achieving great benefit for the Oban community.

'They are the 'go to' organisation to get things done and have been able to bring the views of all their levy payers to the notice of Argyll and Bute Council,' he added.

'They are always 'at the table' when far reaching decisions are being made and we see the cost of our levy, which is in effect an extension of the council rates we pay, as simply a fee that pays for services which should be supplied by the council if they had been allowed to raise the rates over the last decade.'

'Our fees to BID4Oban are now reaping benefits beyond their cost and providing far better value than an increase in the council rates would or could.'

Roxy's Cafe and Tea House

7 Argyll Square, Oban



'The help we got from Bid was greatly appreciated,' she added.

'Losing 12 tables, which is basically half our customers, would have been devastating so being able to erect an outside area was fantastic.'

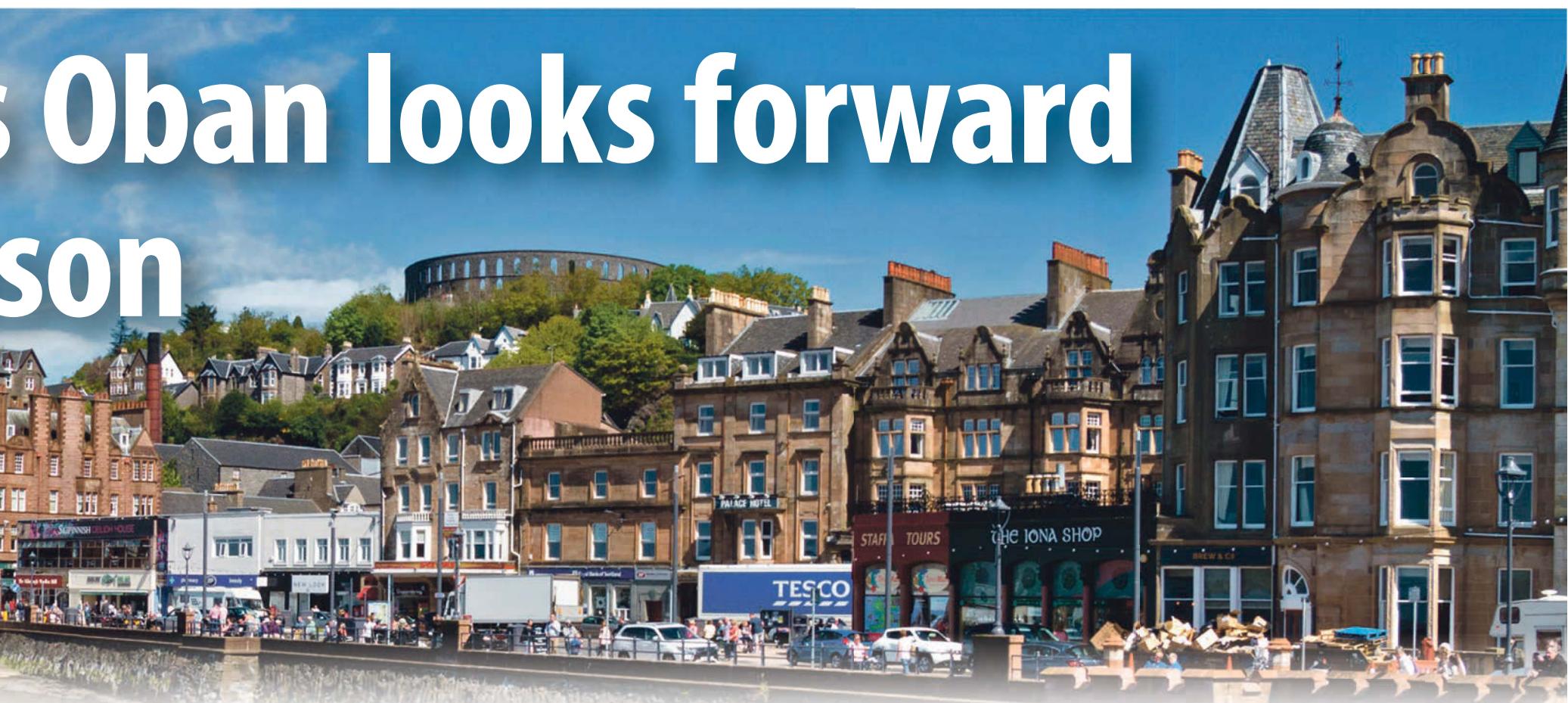
'The logistics of turning the idea into reality was not easy as we had to develop new systems to make it comfortable for the customers and easy on the staff but we got there and can't wait to open up again when restrictions allow.'

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Oban looks forward

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Oban Cycles

87 George Street, Oban



Oban Cycles is expecting a busy 2022 season, with many people wanting to explore the Hebrides and Highlands by bike. It's getting ready with a bigger hirer fleet than ever, and a spruce-up thanks to BID4Oban's Business Improvement Grant.

Christina and Martin, who run the George Street shop renting E-bikes, hybrids and mountain bikes, said it was 'pretty simple' to apply for the fund. 'It meant that we could get our signage redone, which looks a lot better,' Christina said.

'We are a small independent business, the bike industry has been hard hit by Brexit and Covid, affecting our supplies, but we are slowly starting to get stock in again which is very exciting!'

'We love all things biking, particularly E-bikes and have really enjoyed getting new folk into biking because of the opportunities E-biking provides. Pop in and see what we have got!'

Avalon Hair

Boswell House, Argyll Square, Oban



Having outgrown their Albany Street premises some time ago, the team at Avalon Hair and Beauty decided to 'put on their big girl pants' and move to Boswell House.

'We were too scared to take the leap before but when we returned after the first lockdown we realised that we just didn't have the space to maintain our business with the restrictions that had been put in place,' said proprietor Jackie Den Heijer.

Not only has the move provided the workforce with more space, it has also given the business room to expand with eight workstations compared to the previous three.

Once they had the inside shipshape however Jackie and co. decided that the frontage of the salon also needed jazzing up so contacted BID4Oban to ask about a Business Improvement Grant.

'Obtaining the grant was very straightforward,' added Jackie. 'I emailed Andy (Spence) to request funding for shop front signage and then all I had to do was provide him with the invoice and the grant was paid in a matter of days. It covered one third of the total cost so it was hugely appreciated.'

Jackson Brothers Master Butchers

2 George Street, Oban



Appearance matters in retail, and for Jackson Brothers Master Butchers on George Street the hunter green facade with gold lettering lends attractive frontage to a thriving business.

Thanks to a Bid4Oban Business Frontage Improvement Grant, third generation owner Alister Jackson, was able to maintain that appeal two years ago with a fresh coat of paint and was so impressed with the process that he is ready to apply for another one.

'I'm a great supporter of Bid4Oban and the help that it gives to local businesses whether they are small, medium or large,' he told us.

'I would encourage any levy payers in Oban to apply for a Frontage Improvement Grant to make the most of what is on offer through a totally genuine scheme.'

Established in 1932 Jackson Brothers Butchers is one of the longest running independent traders in Oban and offers the finest Scottish lamb, beef, pork and poultry as well as kitchen ready products and a range of BBQ food. Freshly made in-house products include steak sausages, haggis and black pudding.

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Susan is Argyll Stalwart

Tiree's Susan Lamont is this year's recipient of the Stalwart award, presented annually by NFU Scotland's Argyll and the Islands region.

First presented in 2017, the award recognises those who have made a difference to the work of the union or made a significant contribution to agriculture in the region.

The virtual regional AGM on Monday January 17 saw regional chair Duncan Macalister of Glenbarr Farms announce Susan as the 2022 winner.

Susan, who has been Tiree's NFU Scotland branch secretary for more than 20 years and was previously the NFU Mutual agent, was nominated by Pat Boyd, Tiree branch chair and seconded by Tiree's regional board representative Alastair MacInnes.

Pat, who qualified as a vet at Glasgow University alongside Susan in 1977, praised her for being loyal, reliable and hard working. It was while covering the vet practice on Tiree and Coll as a locum



NFU Scotland's Argyll and the Islands region Stalwart 2022, Susan Lamont.

that Susan met her husband, crofter Angus Lamont.

Pat added: 'Susan threw herself heart, mind and soul into crofting. If I was away on holiday, she would not only cover as locum but look after my stock too. I knew that all the animals on both Tiree and Coll were in safe and capable hands in my absence.'

'Susan enthusiastically took up the

branch secretary reins in 1998. She was always ready to respond to a consultation on crofters' behalf and would write to MPs of any political persuasion or converse with CalMac to voice concerns or grievances.

'Susan wished to retire as branch secretary a few years ago, but agreed to remain in post when no one could be found to replace her.'

Susan served on the island's new mart committee; represented Tiree on the 2007 Shucksmith Committee crofting inquiry; served on the Tiree Rural Development committee and has been a valued member of the Tiree Transport Forum. She was also involved during the recent Tiree link-span replacement, making sure farming and crofting needs were to the fore.

Duncan said: 'In the nomination it was pointed out that Susan has done more for crofting on Tiree than any other crofter in the last 35 years. That epitomises the definition of 'stalwart' and Susan is a very worthy winner of this prestigious award.'



Sandy receives the 2019 award from Sybil MacPherson and (then) regional chair John Dickson.

Sandy McKirdy

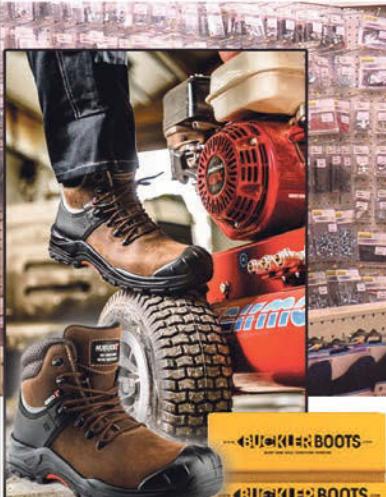
There was sadness among the farming community and far beyond with the news that Bute shepherd Sandy McKirdy had passed away on Tuesday January 11 at 97 years of age.

Sandy was the recipient of the 2019 NFU Scotland Argyll and the Islands region Stalwart award.

Inaugural award winner Sybil MacPherson from Dalmally described Sandy at the time as 'one of nature's true gentlemen'. Then aged 94, he was still active looking after sheep and training dogs for sheepdog trials.

Sybil added: 'Sandy is never one to blow his own trumpet. But very few people will have spent over 80 years tending sheep. Fewer still with his level of knowledge, interest, care and dedication. And none with Sandy's ability to 'ken' sheep. What a gift for a shepherd.'

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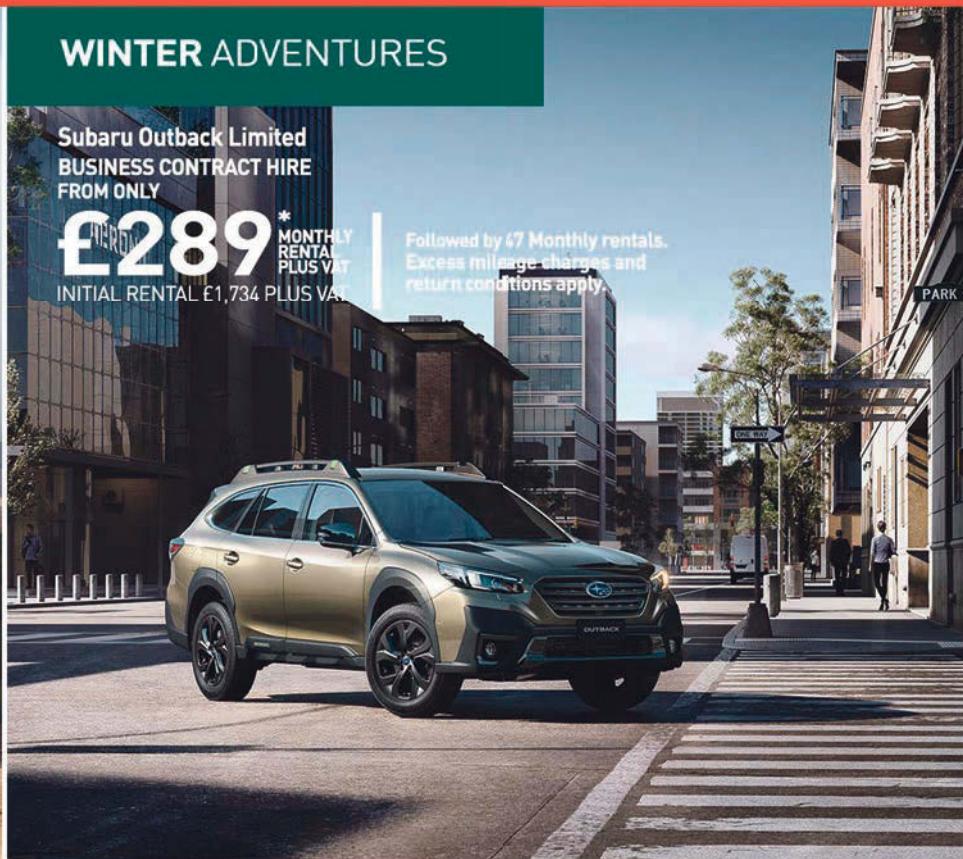
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The Highway Code – what's set to change?

The Highway Code is set to change on the 29th January, with eight new rules being introduced as well as 49 revisions to existing rules. Among the changes is a new 'Hierarchy of Road Users' that will prioritise vulnerable road users, such as cyclists and pedestrians, over larger motorised vehicles.

The Highway Code's new 'Hierarchy of Road Users', states that greater responsibility must be taken by road users when sharing the road with the most vulnerable road users. Another major amendment states drivers should stop and give way to pedestrians waiting to cross the road before turning into or out of junctions and also cyclists going straight ahead. The final major change will be establishing guidance on safe passing distances and speeds when overtaking cyclists or horse riders.

What are the 2022 Highway Code changes as proposed?

Rule H1: New Hierarchy of Road Users (illustrated below) Drivers of vehicles that can cause the greatest harm in the event of a collision bear the greatest responsibility to take care and reduce the danger to others. This principle applies most strongly to drivers of HGVs, buses, LGVs, cars/taxis and motorcycles. Cyclists and horse riders likewise have a responsibility to reduce danger to pedestrians.

Rule H2: New priority for pedestrians at junctions

At a junction, drivers, motorcyclists, horse riders and cyclists should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning. You should give way to pedestrians waiting to cross a zebra crossing (currently you only have to give way if they're already on the crossing), and to pedestrians and cyclists waiting to cross a parallel crossing.

Rule H3: New priority for cyclists when cars are turning

Drivers and motorcyclists should not cut across cyclists, horse riders or horse drawn vehicles going ahead when you are turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or lane. This applies whether they are using a cycle lane, a cycle track, or riding ahead on the road and you should give way to them. Do not turn at a junction if to do so would cause the cyclist, horse rider or horse drawn vehicle going straight ahead to stop or swerve. You should stop and wait for a safe gap in the flow of cyclists if necessary.

Please note: Many of the rules in the Code are legal requirements, and if you disobey these rules you are committing a criminal offence. You may be fined, given penalty points on your licence, or be

disqualified from driving. In the most serious cases you may be sent to prison. Such rules are identified by the use of the words 'MUST/MUST NOT'.

Although failure to comply with the other rules of the Code will not, in itself, cause a person to be prosecuted, The Highway Code may be used in evidence in any court proceedings under the Traffic Acts to establish liability. This includes rules which use advisory wording such as 'should/should not' or 'do/do not'.

Full changes to The Highway Code can be at www.gov.uk

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Lauren McKellar graduated from Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh with a BSc (Hons) in Urban Planning And Property Development. Lauren is the second daughter of Campbell and Carol, Campbeltown and granddaughter of Christine and the late Hugh McKellar and Jean and the late Malcolm Gilchrist. Lauren is currently working with Midlothian Council within The Planning Department.



AVA MCLATCHIE

Ava McLatchie has graduated from UWS with a BSc in Midwifery and is currently working in the Princess Royal Maternity Hospital in Glasgow. Ava is the daughter of John and Jackie McLatchie, Moy Farm Campbeltown. Pictured celebrating recently at her graduation.

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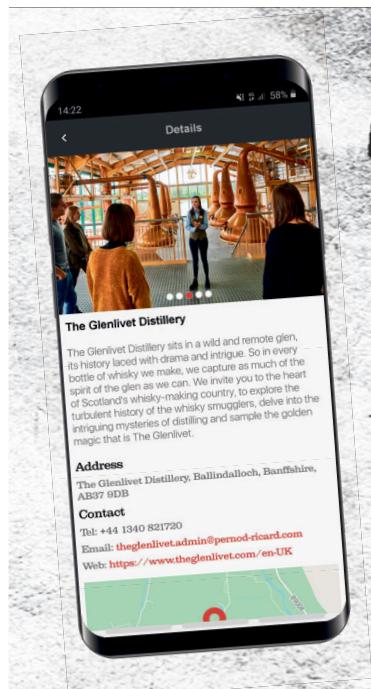


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Public consultation events will take place on **Wednesday 2nd February 2022 between 4:30 pm and 8:30pm at Dalmally Community Centre, Dalmally, PA33 1AX and Thursday 3rd February 2022 between 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm at Inveraray Inn, Front St E, Inveraray, PA32 8XB**. Prior to attending events, 15-minute consultation slots can be booked via the project website at www.ridgecleanenergy.com/ladyfield/.

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Thursday 17th February 2022 at 6.30 p.m.

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BIRTH



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DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead on January 20, 2022, Mary B. Campbell, née Gillies, in her 82nd year, of 6 Fernoch Park, Lochgilphead. Beloved wife of Peter Campbell and much loved mother of Sheila and Petra. Dearly loved sister of the late Jean and John; dear sister-in-law, aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Thursday, January 27, 2022, followed by an interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

CARMICHAEL - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 17, 2022, Vivien Park Carmichael, in her 77th year, dearly beloved wife of Michael Carmichael, much loved mum of Samantha, Fiona and Kirsty and a loving gran of Lorne and Eilidh. A private cremation has already taken place at Woodside Crematorium, Paisley.

LAFFERTY - Peacefully at home, 12 Range Road, Campbeltown, surrounded by her family, on January 23, 2022, Janet McCallum Graham (Jenny) in her 84th year, dearly beloved wife of the late William Clark Lafferty (Billy), much loved mother of Jean Anne, Kenneth, Maureen, Clark and Graeme, a loving granny of Stewart, Paul, Richard, Neil, Tamara, Gayle, Clark, Alex, Hannah, Joshua and Georgia, a much loved sister and an expecting great-granny in waiting. Janet's service will take place on Saturday, January 29, 2022. The cortège will leave the home address at 11.00 a.m. after a short prayer. We will travel

down Range Road, along Meadows Avenue, down Ralston Road, through Main Street, up Longrow, down Mill Street, Lady Mary Row, Lochend Street, Aqualibrium Avenue and round The Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone is welcome to attend the service at the cemetery, alternatively you may pay your last respects to Janet along our route.

MCLEAN - Peacefully in the Sunshine Room at the Campbeltown Hospital, surrounded by his family, on January 22, 2022, William McLean (Willie) in his 80th year, Balnabraid, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, formerly of Lephennstrath Farm, Southend, dearly beloved husband of Margaret McKerral, loving dad of Willie, Katie and Davie and a proud grampa to Laura, Ashley, Rory, Sam, Jamie, Erin and Josie. Willie's service will take place on Friday, January 28 at 1.00 pm in Southend Church. The cortège will leave the church at 1.30 pm. We will turn right coming out of the church and travel through Cattadale Glen on our way to Keil Cemetery. Anyone is welcome to attend the service in church, alternatively you may pay your last respects to Willie along our route.

MACLEOD - Jenny, Seonaid and Anne would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions

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Friday 28 January 2022

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Join us on **Sunday, 30 January** at 11am for our morning service in the church.

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



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George Street, Campbeltown



Sunday 30th January
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Rev Duncan Murchison

11.15am Sunday School

Wednesday 2nd February

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All welcome

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3rd Sunday Evensong 3.30pm

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Sunday 30th January
Psalm 71
Ardrishaig at 11:00am (including the Lord's Supper)

Achahoish at 12:30pm
Wednesday
Time to Pause?
Ardrishaig Church Hall 12:45pm-1:15pm

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LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 30th January
11.00am Worship service
Rev Robert MacLeod More info at www.lpchurch.co.uk
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GLASSARY, KILMARTIN AND FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 30th January 2022
11.15am
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Sunday 30 January
Tayvallich Church 10am Morning Worship Mr Jim Malcolm Booking required Tel 01546 870350 Covid restrictions apply. Further information can be found on the church website www.northknapdale.org

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WEST LOCHFYNESIDE (Cumlooden, Inveraray and Lochgair)
Sunday 30th January 2022
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Sunday 30th January
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Four is sore on Pupils in Finnart defeat

Finnart 4
Campbeltown Pupils 1
WoSFL - Division Four

Campbeltown Pupils gave it their best last Saturday but lost out on their travels to high-flying Finnart in the West of Scotland Football League Division Four.

Playing at Springburn Park in the north of Glasgow, the Pupils started competitively in the opening 15 minutes but then found themselves 1-0 down when a Finnart forward – who looked to be offside – advanced on goal and guided a delicate lob over keeper Alasdair Ferguson into the net.

Donald McCallum went close to equalising for the Pupils but after cutting inside a Finnart defender onto his left foot he shot straight at the keeper.

Only a couple of minutes later, lone striker Ryan Deans' good work in the box earned the McFadyens-sponsored Pupils a penalty, after his cross

from inside the box struck an outstretched hand from a Finnart defender.

Rhys Casci, one of the Pupils' Tarbert contingent, stepped up to fire a crisp strike high into the left-hand corner of the net.

Despite being buoyed by an equaliser, the Pupils were frustrated again just before half time when Finnart's number 11 made it a brace after rising

to power a header into the net and restore the title challengers' lead, after meeting a curling ball in from the hosts' right full-back.

Into the second half where both teams battled for the crucial fourth goal in the match. It was the Pupils who would concede it.

In another move tinged with disappointment – the match referee failing to spot another offside in the build-up – a ball from the right flank was swung in to a player in an offside position, who held the ball up and worked it back to a central area where Finnart's captain unleashed a strong strike high into the Pupils' net.

And while the Feathers Inn-sponsored Pupils continued to work hard to claw their way back into the match they were undone with only a few minutes remaining by a smart counter-attack at the other end, which allowed Finnart's number 10 to score from close range with a low, side-footed effort.

On reflection, the Pupils were undone by moments of business-like quality – certainly for goals two and four from their hosts – and perhaps their own naivety against a canny and disciplined side who are challenging to win the WoSFL's Division Four.

Nevertheless, the Pupils can reflect on a decent, determined performance for much of this match. Tomorrow (Saturday) they face the same opponents, Finnart, at Kintyre Park, after their postponed fixture in early December. Kick off is 1.30pm.

More information is available on Facebook at Campbeltown Football, or on Twitter, @PupilsAFC.

Ailie McBrayne and Katharine Hardman set a good pace and carded scores of 66 (+1) and 68 (+3) respectively.

In the following group last month's medal winner, Linda Arkell, continued her winning form and returned an impressive score of 58 (-7).

Lowest Gross, Ailie McBrayne 75.

Linda drives on in medal bid

On a grey, cool, cloudy, but mostly dry day, 11 ladies took to the course at Dunaverty to compete for the January medal.

In the first group out

Bob's hopes blown off course in Abu Dhabi

GOLF

As starts to the new season go, it certainly wasn't the one Robert MacIntyre had hoped for.

A nightmare 80 on Friday at the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship meant the Oban star, a regular visitor to Machrihanish, missed the cut and now has to dust himself down and reset for the Dubai Desert Classic which began yesterday (January 27).

Everything started promisingly on day one last Thursday. An opening 69, which included five birdies, left Bob inside the top 20 going into Friday's round.

With high winds forecast, the players knew scoring would be tough on day two, but no-one would have predicted Bob carding a front nine of 41 – all the more remarkable considering it included an eagle at the seventh hole.

With winds of up to 40 mph causing havoc for the entire field – only a handful of players broke par all day – the Oban left-hander needed a par at the last to give himself any chance of making the weekend.

However, those hopes disappeared with a splash as his third shot found water and he ran up a double-bogey seven.

With the new season fully under way Bob has no time to dwell on last week's disappointment and will be hoping the good memories of last season's third place



Bob MacIntyre hopes to do better in the Dubai Desert Classic, which began yesterday.

finish in Dubai will see him teeing it up for all four rounds this week.

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Five-star performance by Pupils Under 17s side

Giffnock SC Blacks	3
Pupils YFC U17s	5
GDYFL - Division One	

Last Sunday the Pupils Under 17s travelled to play Giffnock SC Blacks in their first away tie of 2022 in the Glasgow and District Youth Football League Division One.

A five-star performance by the team and a five-goal scoring spree by top goal scorer Calum Ellis saw off the challenge of the Glasgow side.

With a couple of late call-offs, Scott Oman started in goal with Lorne Paterson playing centre half while Kyle Paterson made a welcome return to right midfield after three months out with injury.

With 18 minutes gone the

home side took the lead when a quick interchange of passes at the edge of the box caught the Pupils defence napping and the Giffnock midfielder rushed in to show the ball home.

Scott Oman then produced a superb save from a 25-yard free kick to keep the deficit to one.

A through-ball from Euan Dott found Calum Ellis who outpaced the Giffnock defence before rounding the keeper and slamming the ball home from a tight angle.

With 10 minutes of the half remaining the Glasgow side made it 2-1 from the penalty spot before Ellis made it 2-2 within three minutes.

A free kick awarded to the Ardshiel Hotel-sponsored side 20 yards out was expertly lifted up and over the wall and into

the net giving the home keeper no chance.

The Pupils started the second half more positively and began to dominate spells of the game and were rewarded with a penalty in the 61st minute after a hand-ball in the box.

Ellis stepped up and slotted the ball home to grab his hat-trick.

Five minutes later it was 4-2 with an excellent team goal building from defence into the midfield finding Ellis, who played a lovely one-two with Ryan Shields that sent him clear and the Pupils striker made no mistake once again.

Credit to Giffnock who never gave up and made the last 15 minutes a nervy affair when they pulled one back.

K Paterson and L Paterson were unlucky not to score for

the Pupils with fine efforts but it was Ellis who grabbed the fifth that killed the game.

A great free kick from Scott Graham resulted in what will no doubt be the most fortuitous goal this season as the keeper rushed out to punch the ball only for it to cannon off Ellis's back and into the goal.

Another fantastic win which sets up another massive game this Sunday (January 30) for the 2005s as they welcome Cambuslang Rangers 2005s to Campbeltown for the first time.

Another stern test after the Kintyre side won the earlier exchange in the season - fighting back from 5-2 to beat the Glasgow side 6-5 with 17 minutes to go.

Kick-off is 2.15pm on the 3G AWP Kinloch Green.



Young pupils suffer last gasp double whammy

Busby Ams	3
Pupils 09s	2
GDYFL - Division 2	

It was heartbreak for the young U13 Pupils team on Sunday, with a late double sucker punch denying them their first Glasgow and District Youth Football League Division 2 points of their debut season.

The early exchanges were even, and it was the Pupils who made the breakthrough

midway through the half with Logan Norris dispatching a penalty into the corner following a deliberate hand-ball in the box.

Busby came close on a couple of occasions, and found an equaliser from what looked to be a clear offside position shortly before half time.

The Pupils lead was almost restored when good link-up play by Ross Hamilton, making his debut, and Ryan Johnston resulted in a good save from the goalkeeper from

the latter's shot, and the score at half time remained 1-1.

The second half continued much like the first, with a tough midfield battle between two well-matched teams and it was the Pupils who made the breakthrough when Logan Norris broke free from just inside his half to calmly score his second goal of the game.

Busby then put the Pupils under some prolonged pressure, and just when it looked like the Pupils had weathered the storm, the

last 10 minutes turned the game on its head. First, Busby equalised with a well-struck shot after an indirect free kick had been awarded in the Pupils box.

Then, as the final minutes were ticking away and a draw (probably a fair result) looked on the cards, Busby snatched the winner with only two minutes remaining.

This Sunday the Pupils welcome league leaders Finnart 09s, kick off 12.30pm, on the Aqualibrium 3G pitch.

Above: Calum Ellis, who scored all five goals on Sunday to take his tally to an impressive 26 goals for Pupils YFC Under 17s so far this season.



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