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First Minister raises A83 hopes as businesses suffer

by Colin Cameron
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After 13 years of regular landslides on the A83, road-side nets being erected and 'catch pits' dug, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon last week raised hopes of a permanent engineering solution to resolve the problem at the Rest and be Thankful.

When one of the biggest slides in living memory closed the road on August 4, local politicians joined forces last week to demand action in a letter to transport secretary Michael Matheson and First Minister Nicola Sturgeon.

The trunk route remains shut for 'complex repairs' which are expected to take another fortnight to complete, yet the old military road used as a detour past the stricken section in Glen Croe has also proved vulnerable. With the risk of debris falling during heavy rainfall, trunk road operator BEAR Scotland has taken no chances.

With every forecast of significant rain, safety concerns have forced numerous overnight closures, leaving drivers to reach Mid Argyll, Cowal, Kintyre and the islands via Crianlarich and Dalmally or take Western Ferries across the Clyde during operating hours.

The economy of Argyll has

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taken an unwelcome hit after the long months of Covid-19 lockdown, but the primary concern expressed by politicians is over the long-term safety of the route for the public.

Against this backdrop, the First Minister raised hopes of action at last week's First Minister's Questions. Ms

Sturgeon said of the Rest and be Thankful: 'This is the utmost priority on the part of government and clearly there is a lot of work to be done on developing that solution.'

Argyll and Bute MSP and Colintrave resident Michael Russell uses the A83 regularly travelling back and forth to Edinburgh and said he is 'someone who knows just how inconvenient this is'.

Mr Russell continued: 'The letter from the council leader, group leaders and MSPs was clear - they are demanding a new road to replace the present one, and are indicating what they think as an acceptable timescale for that to happen.'

'The First Minister made it clear at FMQs last week that action was essential and there is no action that will make a permanent difference other than a new road. That is also the basis of the discussions I have had with the transport minister.'

'So I expect a new road to be
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NHS heroes enjoyed a weekend of relaxation - and selfies - by beautiful Loch Fyne.

A Scottish hotel group welcomed more than 380 key workers and their families last weekend to say thank you for their efforts during the pandemic.

Crerar Hotels dedicated all rooms across its portfolio of seven hotels entirely to NHS key workers, including the 80-room Loch Fyne Hotel in Inveraray and hotels in Oban and on the Isle of Mull.

It amounted to 850 guests and 2,000 complimentary overnight stays between August

14-16 and resulted in upwards of £250,000 being spent by the hotel group to express its gratitude.

Heroes at the Loch Fyne Hotel and spa were greeted by Pipe Major Stuart Liddell of Inveraray and District Pipe Band and a colourful rainbow display from the children of Inveraray, who were also armed with pots and pans to hail their arrival.

Each guest received a personal note of thanks from First Minister Nicola Sturgeon.

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Drugs possession

On Tuesday August 11, in Garval Terrace, Tarbert, a 35-year-old man was searched by police at around 9.30am and found to be in possession of a small amount of cannabis. The man was charged and issued with a recordable police warning.

Speeding biker

At around 5pm on Wednesday August 12 a motorcyclist was stopped for allegedly exceeding the speed limit on the A83 at Lochgilhead. The rider, a man aged 49, was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Abusive behaviour

A 74-year-old man behaved in an abusive manner at about 1pm on Thursday August 13 at Castleton, Lochgilhead. The man was later traced, charged and issued with a recorded police warning.

Bail breach and assault

About 10.30pm on Friday August 14 in Blarbuie Road, Lochgilhead, a man aged 21 allegedly approached a woman in breach of bail conditions, behaved in an abusive manner and assaulted the woman. The man was later arrested, charged with the offences, held for court and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Drunk driver

A man aged 43 was arrested for allegedly driving while under the influence of alcohol after his car was stopped on the A816 near Cairnbaan at around 10.30am on Saturday August 15. He was charged with the offence, held for court and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.



Glasgow councillor sets sights on Argyll and Bute

A current Glasgow city councillor has announced her ambition to stand as an SNP candidate for Argyll and Bute at next year's Holyrood election.

Rhiannon Spear, originally from Bute, is hoping to be selected to the seat vacated by veteran SNP politician Michael Russell.

Mr Russell, aged 67, plans to step down after 22 years in politics ahead of next May's elections to the Scottish Parliament.

The party will host an all-woman shortlist as the party moves to improve gender balance.

Ms Spear, aged 29, went to school on Bute before moving to Glasgow in 2008 to study law at university, and is currently the National Women's Convenor for the SNP.

She said: 'It's definitely my home constituency and obviously growing up there, going to school there and having all of my family still living on the island, I truly understand the area, the challenges it faces, and the massive opportunities and potential that it holds,



Rhiannon Spear.

from the people who live there and the talent the region holds.

'It would be the honour of my life to represent the area. I'm one of those people who moved away to go to university and to have the opportunity to move home and represent Bute would be a dream for me.'

She described Mr Russell as an 'incredible representative for the area' who would leave big shoes to fill.

Ms Spear was elected to the council in 2017 to represent Greater Pollok and also made the Glasgow list for MSP in 2016.

Police search hospital in 1970s' missing person case

Detectives have begun searching sites at the Vale of Leven hospital in connection with the disappearance of a woman 44 years ago.

Mary Duncan was 17 years of age when she disappeared from her home in Alexandria in 1976.

Extensive enquiries have been carried out in an attempt to establish any information regarding Mary's whereabouts, but no trace of her has been found.

Searches at two sites at the hospital started on Monday August 17, and are expected to continue for a number of weeks.

Detective Superintendent Calum Young from West Dunbartonshire CID said: 'Mary left her home at 17 years of age, with no money and has never claimed benefits, paid tax or national insurance. She also left behind her baby girl Laura, who family say she absolutely adored.'

'Specialist officers will be searching a number of locations at the Vale of Leven Hospital in connection with the investigation.'

'I would like to take this opportunity to remind members of the public and the media that this is still a functioning hospital and disruption must be kept to an absolute minimum. It is also vital that the search team is left to get on with this important work and any updates will be provided in due course.'

The Vale of Leven is a hospital used by many people across Argyll and Bute, and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde sought to reassure patients. The health board's director of Clyde sector Marie Farrell said: 'We have been working with Police Scotland on the planned excavation of a number of sites in the grounds of the Vale of Leven hospital. We would like to reassure patients that there will be no disruption to patient care as a consequence of these enquiries.'

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New NHS Highland chief executive appointed

NHS Highland's interim deputy chief executive will take on the role of chief executive, it was announced this week.

Pam Dudek, who joined the NHS Highland board on secondment from NHS Grampian in April, will officially begin her new role as chief executive on October 5.

Professor Boyd Robertson, chairman of NHS Highland, said: 'Pam was chosen from a strong field of experienced executive leaders from across the UK and beyond.'

'During her secondment, she strengthened the executive leadership team, made a substantial contribution to the board's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and co-produced its remobilisation plan with colleagues from across NHS Highland and Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership.'

'I am confident that Pam's considerable leadership expe-



Pam Dudek.

rience of partnership working across health, care and the third sector will not only enable NHS Highland to deliver our strategic objectives but to keep building a culture of collaboration and inclusion.'

Mrs Dudek began her career as a nurse cadet in 1982 and completed her training as a psychiatric nurse within NHS Tayside in 1987. After a variety of nursing and leadership roles in substance misuse and

mental health services across a number of boards, she moved to NHS Grampian in 2009 to lead an improvement programme on the management of long-term conditions across the board area.

In 2012, she took up the role of deputy general manager and subsequently head of healthcare for Aberdeenshire Community Health Partnership, before moving to her most recent

role of chief officer for the Moray Integrated Joint Board in October 2014.

In the latter role, she led on the setting up of the new model of health and social care integration and had oversight of primary care services across Grampian and Dr Gray's Hospital.

Mrs Dudek said: 'I am thrilled to be joining NHS Highland at this particular time. We have many challenges ahead as we remobilise our services and put into practise what we learned from our response to the Covid-19 pandemic.'

'I am particularly delighted to be working with colleagues right across Highland and Argyll and Bute, as we renew our focus on how we work differently together to provide better, more accessible care and services to our communities and to help people look after their own health and wellbeing.'

Public toilets to be closed

Public toilets across Argyll and Bute are to be closed as a cost-saving measure – despite reports of human waste being left outside some facilities.

The council's business continuity committee has agreed to an officer's recommendation to keep 35 public conveniences open until the end of October.

After that, only a core set will remain open to be managed within budget.

It is reckoned that between 10 to 15 which are currently open would have to close.

A meeting of the committee on Thursday August 13 saw wide discussion on what should be done in the future – including engaging with communities and re-opening all facilities.

Councillor Douglas Philand

asked: 'Is there any scope for increasing the opening of other public toilets? On the green at Kilmartin they have found human excrement – they know it is human because there was toilet paper beside it.'

'This is actually happening there – is it possible, based on that, to look at opening other facilities?'

Kirsty Flanagan, the council's head of strategic finance, responded: 'There is an option to open more toilets, but it will come at a cost.'

'We have public toilets open across all areas. I appreciate they are not all open but there are some within a commutable distance.'

There is no current indication which toilets might stay open beyond October.

Waverley returning to Clyde waters

A grand old lady of the Clyde will make a welcome return to West Highland waters this month.

The PS Waverley has been out of commission for major refurbishment since 2018, but the world-famous paddle steamer will return to service on Friday August 21 and operate sailings on the Clyde until

Sunday September 6. Capacity will be significantly restricted due to Covid-19 restrictions and all tickets must be booked in advance.

Visits to Loch Fyne are planned on Wednesday August 26 and a week later on September 2.

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the focus of attention and the substantive issue will be how quickly that can be achieved.'

Action may be essential, but to date Argyll and Bute Council has heard nothing concrete. Council leader Aileen Morton said: 'I've received no formal confirmation that the Scottish Government is looking to accelerate a solution for the Rest and be Thankful ahead of the Strategic Transport Projects Review process, although that

is clearly what is needed. The options previously identified were evaluated on the basis of information that is now nearly a decade old. This information needs updated and we need a commitment from the Scottish Government to fund the most appropriate solution, not just the cheapest one.'

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara meanwhile reiterated his call for a tunnel through the hills.

Speaking after a site visit at

the Rest with Kevin Campbell, Senior Operations Manager at BEAR Scotland and Arrochar councillor Iain 'Shonny' Paterson, Mr O'Hara said: 'This is the second major landslide this year that has resulted in the road being closed. With everything the economy of the area has been through in 2020, this was the last thing our hospitality and tourism sector needed.'

'I appreciate the heroic efforts of the BEAR Scotland

workforce in building the mitigation pits and in clearing debris from the road – these are massive tasks – but we cannot go on second guessing this hillside; one which will become increasingly unstable due to climate change and increased rainfall.'

Mr O'Hara recently joined engineers constructing under-sea tunnels in the Faroe Islands and said that he hoped that the construction of a tunnel would be given 'serious consideration' by those charged with finding the answer.

He added: 'I have seen these tunnels from construction to completion; they work and have proven to be value for money in the long term. If the rest of northern Europe can build tunnels to connect their rural communities and their islands, there is absolutely no reason why Scotland cannot.'

'Our ambition for the future should not be limited by what we have done in the past.'

The next meeting of the A83 Taskforce – a group comprised of local and national government representatives, contractors, businesspeople and community figures – is scheduled for August 27.



Brendan O'Hara MP with Kevin Campbell of BEAR Scotland at the Rest and be Thankful last week.



Scott Sweeney of outdoor clothing store MacIntyres of Inveraray took this photo - at 12.30pm on August 14 on a beautiful sunny day - of a deserted Inveraray Main Street. Asking for the support of the public, he said: 'For anybody who doubts if the A83 Rest and be Thankful being closed/open/closed/open/convoys working/convoys not working makes any difference to Inveraray, well here's proof. To businesses already struggling given the circumstances, this could be a fatal difference.'



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

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Confidential whistleblower service launched by NHS

NHS Highland has launched an independent, confidential support service for staff wishing to raise concerns about bullying.

The move comes in the wake of the Sturrock Report, which uncovered widespread bullying within the health board.

NHS Highland's 'Speak Up' Guardian Service went live on Monday August 3. It gives employees a chance to discuss concerns relating to patient care and safety, whistleblowing, bullying, harassment and work grievances.

Derek McIlroy and Julie McAndrew have been appointed full time, independent guardians for NHS Highland.

Fiona Hogg, NHS Highland's director of human resources and organisational development, said: 'If you have tried to speak up or don't feel you can raise your concerns through internal routes, the 'Speak Up' Guardian Service provides

an additional channel for colleagues to discuss concerns in confidence. We're delighted to see the launch of this service. It highlights the NHS Highland board's ongoing commitment to deliver the recommendations of last year's Sturrock Report, which recommended colleagues had access to an independent, confidential route to raise concerns, in addition to existing internal processes.

'This is another key milestone for NHS Highland to ensure systems are in place to make sure people can be heard. We recognise there is a lot more work to be done on our culture programme and the board is committed to the long-term transformation plans that are in place.'

The 'Speak Up' Guardian Service can be accessed by NHS Highland personnel 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 03335 775955 or contact@theguardianservice.co.uk.

MS Centre tops charity cash poll

Lochgilphead's MS Centre is the latest winner in Argyll Estate Agents' monthly charity giveaway.

Over four months Argyll Estate Agents is donating a total of £1,000 to good causes, but it is up to the public to decide who wins.

Johnny McKillop, owner of Argyll Estate Agents, said: 'As we start to come through a real tough time for a lot of people, we wanted to say a big thank you to a Mid Argyll-registered charity.'

'There are so many worthy causes to choose from, we decided to run a nomination campaign to help us decide. To nominate, like or follow our Facebook page then



Karen and Claire from The MS Centre in Lochgilphead with Johnny McKillop of Argyll Estate Agents.

at 5pm on July 31 the clear winner for the month, with 49 nominations, was the MS Centre which received £250. Joint second with 16 nominations each were Dochas Carer Centre and Mid Argyll Pipe Band.

An Oban-based charity will benefit in August, then attention turns once again to Mid Argyll for September.

Johnny added: 'We thank everyone who took part. We were amazed by the response and the number of charities in Mid Argyll doing great work.'

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Fresh thinking

Some press reports this week on plans for an alternative A83 route may have been on the optimistic side. We have been unable to establish that there is a plan yet, but for anyone who believes the current road through Glen Croe is not up to snuff, the sounds coming out of Holyrood seem to show that Holyrood politicians are listening – at last.

The trouble has always been that there is an outcry for something to be done in the immediate aftermath of every landslide. Then people forget. All is quiet for six months; a year; maybe two or three years. Then there's another landslide and it all kicks off again.

It's simple luck that nobody has been hurt in the numerous landslides. Then there's the economic and reputational damage to Argyll, a region needing all the help it can get.

We now need fresh thinking.

As the Advertiser has proposed before, could we not open this out to young, imaginative and skilled civil engineers in the form of a competition?

A nice touch

Well done to Crerar Hotels. What a lovely gesture in welcoming NHS staff and their families for a wee break.

Arrochar and Tarbet open

Sir,
Following the latest landslide and road closure at the Rest and be Thankful, once again the road closure signs were placed at the wrong place on the Arrochar side.

Having spoken to several of the local business owners, the main issue around the signs are they are too far away from the incident. There are information signs from Balloch to Tarbet advising of the closure at the Rest.

Surely moving the signs to Ardgartan would make more sense. Should anyone have to turn then there is ample space to do this. We cannot continue to render two villages effectively closed in case someone has failed to read the signs or cannot turn.

Transport Scotland and BEAR Scotland must guarantee that the signs will not be put back in the same place when further disruption occurs, and it will.

Jane Ireland, Slanj restaurant, Tarbet.

Rescue and treatment thanks to medical teams

Sir,
I would like to commend the local Scottish Ambulance Service paramedic teams who assisted me recently when, not acting my age, I dislocated a replacement hip.

The accident happened in a particularly inaccessible part of my garden on an unstable river bank enclosed by overgrown shrubs and trees.

Malcolm McDonald, the shift leader and



Road closure signs in the wrong place?

David Payne, assisted by Inveraray paramedics David Gowans and Nicola Fraser, not only extricated me in a safe and professional manner, but managed to transport me with great care and minimal pain to the ambulance.

I am also grateful to the accident and emergency staff at the Mid Argyll Hospital and medical care centre, where I was promptly x-rayed and assessed. The decision was taken to send me to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley, and Neil Newman and Billy McArthur drove very carefully on the diversion route to Paisley, avoiding the recently damaged (again!) Rest and Be Thankful route.

I am grateful to all those who delivered care to such a high standard, ensuring that my recovery was so successful after excellent treatment at the RAH.

Jeremy Houston, Poltalloch

A depressing outlook

Sir,
As I read Councillor Alastair Redman's letter in the August 7 edition of the Advertiser I thought how sad it was that a young man should always have such a pessimistic and depressing outlook that he chooses to share regularly with your readers.

While we live through a pandemic we have seen the very best in people in our communities working to support and care for each other.

Only last week the council publicly thanked the thousands of volunteers for their amazing efforts during the past months.

The volunteers throughout our communities worked tirelessly and optimistically, always offering encouragement and kindness helping those who were at home to stay positive during such an anxious time.

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Councillor Anne Horn, Tarbert

Bringing about change

Sir,
I was delighted to see the piece in a recent issue of the Argyllshire Advertiser featuring a reader from Tayvallich, setting out his case for 'Time for Change'. I share many of his concerns, and commend the series of articles.

It would be good to hear from a range of Argyll and Bute residents with their ideas for how we get from 'here' towards a better 'there'.

My personal pet project would be an Argyll and Bute Citizens' Assembly, that would bring people together to generate real strategies to bring about just and 'green' change for our area.

A good start would be better transport links, via enhanced road and ferry services.

A permanent solution to the Rest and Be Thankful would be welcome, of course, but it was really heartening to see how Western Ferries rose to the challenge on Friday August 7. They magicked away that endless queue at Gourrock with great patience and goodwill and double service, showing what can be done.

Mary MacCallum Sullivan, Ardrishaig

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Gordon Stewart from Ardfern sent us this (literally) atmospheric photograph, taken from Corranmor Farm on Monday August 10. A stunning full rainbow appeared that day over Loch Craignish lagoon, captured by Gordon on camera. Send your favourite photographs for publication to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

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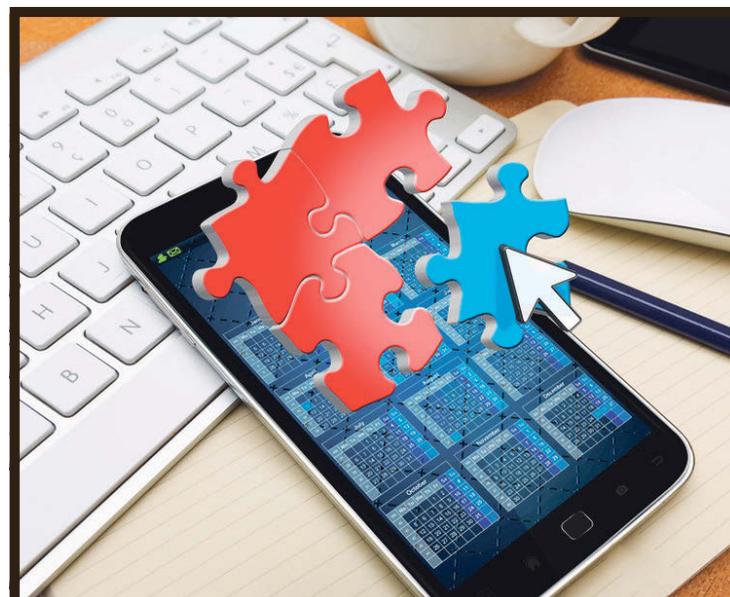
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Trossachs is now target for missing lynx

by Colin Cameron
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A Welsh-based group intent on bringing the Eurasian lynx back to the UK has turned its attention away from Kintyre and towards the Trossachs as a potential release site.

The Lynx Trust's scientific advisor, Dr Paul O'Donoghue, announced this week that the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park, an area between Drymen and Callander on the eastern shore of Loch Lomond, is his preferred location for a trial release.

Until last year Kintyre was in the sights of the trust as a possible trial site. The Argyll farming community at the time was unconvinced by arguments put forward by

Dr O'Donoghue, who said at an Inveraray meeting in March 2019 that there would be 'zero risk' to humans, and that across Europe lynx kill on average 0.4 sheep per lynx per year.

This predation level was dismissed by farmers who said this Europe-wide figure meant little, as it included areas where no lynx were present.

Dr O'Donoghue said that roe deer made up around 95 per cent of the diet of a lynx, but farmers are concerned that control by forest managers has left the deer population particularly low, leaving sheep as an obvious alternative prey.

In a Facebook post this week, the Lynx Trust UK announced: 'We can finally announce that the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park has been selected as the first lynx reintroduction site

in our ambitious plans to reintroduce the Eurasian lynx to Scotland.

'Over the past year, we have been carrying out an extensive ecological feasibility study in collaboration with the University of Lancaster, assessing habitat suitability for lynx across the whole of Scotland.

'The conclusions show that vast tracts of the Scottish countryside are suitable for lynx and could support well over 250 individuals.'

It is understood that preliminary discussions have been held with Scottish Natural Heritage and the trust now plans to hold a public consultation, with the first public event to be held in September.

Dr O'Donoghue proposes releasing three Eurasian lynx – one male and two females – for a five-year trial period.



The Eurasian lynx – returning to Scotland?

Photograph: Chris Godfrey.



Farmers at last year's public event in Inveraray were unconvinced by the points made by Dr O'Donoghue, centre. a10LynxMeetingInveraray01

The cats, around the size of a German shepherd dog, have been extinct in Britain since around the time of St Columba.

After last year's meeting in Inveraray, Dr O'Donoghue

was accused by many of 'not listening' to the concerns of farmers. The chairman of NFU Scotland's Environment and Land Use Committee, Oban farmer Angus MacFadyen,

said: 'I've got great concerns about where this project may lead and what effect it could have on the environment as well as the farming community.'

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The surviving brood of four healthy-looking owlets.

Ken's feathered friends growing fast

Reader Ken Johnston contacted the Advertiser with photographs of a family of barn owls nesting close to his home at the head of Loch Eck in Cowal.

Ken said: 'They are nesting in a barrel put up in a tree as a nest box. The original brood was six chicks, but there are now four left.'

Visit the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page for a short video demonstrating the fascinating sounds made by the barn owl chicks.

Send us your wildlife photographs and video – editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

Can you solve barrel mystery at Auchindrain?

Can you help solve something of a mystery at Auchindrain township museum?

Perhaps, on a visit to the fascinating township, you have noticed a barrel sunk into the ground by the byre door at Eddie's MacCallum's house.

Though it has been there since at least the 1890s, it remains one of Auchindrain's many mysteries.

There are examples elsewhere of barrels sunk into the ground outside old barns, but their purpose seems to have been lost in the mists of time.

When Auchindrain became a museum in the 1960s, its founder Marion Campbell described its purpose as 'to catch liquid manure, used as a mordant, as well as for fertiliser', but recent research shows that these uses needed slightly different things.

A mordant helps bind and set a dye on to a fabric, and while cow dung has historically been successfully used, animal and human urine was favoured

as urea is richer in ammonia. Experts now believe that it would have been difficult to ensure that only urine reached Eddie's barrel, resulting in a sloppy liquid manure mixture.

It is known from the census data that between 1851 and 1871 one of the people of the township was the weaver Duncan McNicol. Duncan McKellar, recorded as living here in 1851 and 1861, was a tailor.

It is plausible that some of the tenants worked with textiles and asked their fellow tenants to help dye and spin wool or at least collect the mordant for them.

If Eddie's barrel was used for collecting mordant, it would have been several generations ago. 'Young' Eddie MacCallum has no memories of textile production within his family and when his dad was farming.

The barrel was connected by a drain to the manuring channel of the byre. The contents were used as a fertiliser for



The site of the barrel, pictured in the 1990s.

their garden. Maybe the liquid collected in the barrel had something to do with this, but can you help with the answer?

Email editor@argyllshire-

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Thanks to Auchindrain Museum for the article and photograph.

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NSAS tackles Scottish Lynx release plan

The National Sheep Association Scottish region is criticising the Lynx UK Trust following the launch of its consultation on the reintroduction of Lynx in Central Scotland while carrying out an ecological feasibility study and meeting with senior officials at Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

The trust has been denied licences to release the Eurasian Lynx, an apex predator, into the British countryside in the past, and NSAS is once again reminding the proposers to note the devastating effects this could impact on our sheep industry in the future.

NSAS chairman Jen Craig said: 'NSA Scottish Region will continue to represent the views of sheep farmers and crofters in Scotland who would be greatly impacted by any reintroduction of species into the country.'

'The last consultation to date carried out by Lynx UK Trust was flawed and subsequently denied. It is also worth remembering that the Cabinet Secretary Fergus Ewing has also made his disapproval of any reintroduction in the past quite clear and we will continue to ensure that view is maintained in Scotland.'

Photograph: Chris Godfrey



Nature-friendly farmers step into the limelight

Soil Association Scotland has announced nine successful applicants from Scotland to its Farmer Ambassador programme.

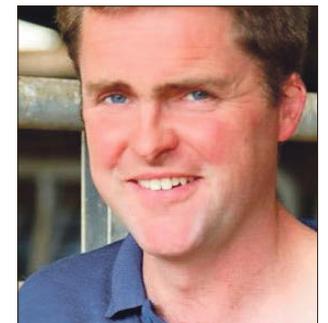
The UK-wide Soil Association programme will train a total of 24 ambassadors in smartphone video production and storytelling, so they can invite the public, policy makers and other farmers virtually onto their farms and showcase the benefits of nature – and climate-friendly farming.

Soil Association Scotland director Aoife Behan says: 'Scotland's farmers and crofters are a vital part of the solution to the challenges of climate change, nature loss and ill-health we all face. By producing food in ways that nurture people, the environment and the rural economy, they meet those challenges head-on. We want to give those farmers the tools to show people how they do it.'

'We are proud to welcome such a brilliant, diverse bunch into the programme, and look forward to seeing and sharing what they produce after the training in October.'

Training will take place online with journalist and broadcaster Anna Jones and filmmaker Alex Price of Just Farmers, and the group will receive support from each other and the Soil Association.

New Farmer Ambassador Gillian Vollum farms 800 acres



Clockwise from top left, Matthew Anderson, Denise Walton, Helen O'Keefe, Hugh Greirson, Jessica Walker, Louise Munro, Nikki Yoxall, Robert Wilson, and Gillian Vollum, below.

at Balliemore Farm on the Isle of Kerrera, near Oban, with her husband and two small boys. She says: 'We absolutely have to get better at promoting ourselves, our products and our farms. We have to educate people about how we get our food to their table, how we look after our animals, how we try and plant as many trees and wild flowers as we can, all while trying to stay financially solvent-ish, raise our families and hopefully leave the farms

and land in some sort of good order for the next generation. It's a pretty big juggling act.'

Matthew Anderson, formerly of Oban, is an organic beef farmer and LANTRA industry champion, with 96 acres of his own, and almost 1,000, with sheep that he farms with his father at Mainhill and Swinside Farms in the Scottish



Borders. He says: 'I would like other farmers and policy makers to see organic grassland management as a sustainable way of farming in the future, providing both food security and environmental benefits. I would also like to make the general public more aware of the good stories from agriculture.'

Scotland's other Farmer

Ambassadors are Louise Munro of Mosshead Farm, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire; Robert Wilson of Cowbog Farm, Jedburgh, Scottish Borders; Hugh Grierson of Newmilm Farm, Perth; Helen O'Keefe of Middleton Croft, Elphin, Sutherland; Jessica Walker of Barnside Farm, Duns, Scottish Borders; Denise Walton of Peelham Farm, Foulden, Berwickshire and Nikki Yoxall of Howemill, Huntly, Aberdeenshire.

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Around the markets

United Auctions, Tiree, Saturday August 15: sold 4750 lambs averaging £70.78 per head (+ £11.81) and 209.90p/kg (+.32 pence).

Lambs were shown in excellent bloom and sold to the usual following of mainland buyers. Lambs per head - SuffX - £94.50, 9 Barrapol; £93.00, Salum; £93.00, Greenbank; £92.50, Druimasaidh; £91.00, Benview; £91.00, Druimasaidh; £90.00, 6 Crossapol; £90.00, Mannal; £90.00, 6 Crossapol; £88.00, Hillcrest; £87.00, 2 Heylipol; £86.00, 4 Heanish; £85.50, Druimasaidh; £84.00, 8 Cornaigbeg; £84.00, Mannal; £82.00, 9 Barrapol; £80.50, Croish; £80.00, 10 Crossapol. BeltX - £105.00, Heylipol Farm; £100.00, Ruaig; £98.00, Hillcrest; £96.00, Heylipol Farm; £95.00, Braeside;

£95.00, 4 Kilkenneth; £95.00, Braeside; £90.00, Hillcrest; £89.00, Ruaig; £88.00, Heylipol Farm; £87.00, Braeside; £87.00, Lochphuill; £87.00, 4 Kilkenneth; £87.00, Braeside; £86.00, Ruaig; £86.00, Lochphuill; £86.00, Heylipol; £82.50, 6 Barrapol; £82.00, Hillcrest; £82.00, Braeside; £82.00, 4 Kilkenneth; £82.00, Braeside; £80.00, Hillcrest. TexX - £98.00, Hillcrest; £94.00, Lochside; £90.50, 6 Barrapol; £90.00, Braeside; £89.50, 10 Balevullin; £89.00, Ardmay; £89.00, Mannal; £88.00, 6 Barrapol; £88.00, Greenbank; £88.00, Mannal; £87.00, Hillcrest; £86.50, Druimasaidh; £86.00, Hough; £85.00, Whitehouse; £84.50, Ardmay; £82.50, 34 Balephetrish; £82.00, 7 Kilkenneth; £80.00, Mannal; £80.00, 6 Crossapol; £80.00,

3 Balevullin; £80.00, Heylipol Farm; £80.00, Whitehouse. HB - £73.50, 8 Barrapol. Chev - £87.00, Skipinnis; £80.00, 8 Kilkenneth; £76.00, 4 Heanish; £73.50, Ardeas; £72.00, Vaul; £71.00, Croish; £70.00, 8 Kilkenneth. CROSS - £84.50, £84.00, 3 Balevullin; £79.00, 34 Balephetrish; £76.50, Ruaig; £75.50, Mannal; £72.50, 3 Balevullin. Zwa - £65.00, Garaphail. Mule - £90.00, Ruaig; £87.00, Braeside; £78.00, 3 Balevullin; £76.00, Lochside; £72.00, Mannal. Chev Mule - £70.50, Mannal. BF - £62.00, 3 Balevullin, £56.50, Lochside. Lambs per Kilo - SuffX - 236p, Benview; 234p, Scarinish Farm; 233p, 2 Heylipol; 232p, Druimasaidh; 229p, Salum; 227p, Scarinish Farm; 227p, Salum; 226p, Ardeas; 224p, Druimasaidh; 223p,

Clachan, 222p, Greenbank; 221p, Croish. BeltX - 248p, Ardmay; 246p, 236p, Heylipol Farm; 234p, 229p, Lochphuill; 229p, Heylipol Farm; 228p, Hillcrest; 228p, Ruaig; 228p, Lochphuill; 226p, Ruaig; 225p, Hillcrest; 224p, Ardmay; 224p, Heylipol Farm; 222p, 6 Barrapol; 222p, Hillcrest. TexX - 246p, 6 Barrapol; 245p, 8 Kilkenneth; 234p, Heylipol Farm; 226p, 10 Balevullin; 224p, Lochside; 223p, Whitehouse; 222p, 6 Barrapol; 221p, 6 Balevullin. HB - 237p, 8 Barrapol. Chev - 219p, 3a Caolis; 218p, Scarinish Farm. Cross - 215p, 3a Caolis. Zwa - 214p, Garaphail. Mule - 215p, Lochside. Chev Mule - 221p, Mannal. BF - 175p, Lochside; 169p, Garaphail. **United Auctions, Oban, Tuesday August 18:** sold 5183 Lambs & Sheep of

all classes. Lambs (4818) averaged £60.36 (+£7.90). A good offering of mainly store Lambs again sold to a good ringside of buyers. Lambs - SuffX - £77.00, 16 Eoligaray, Barra; £74.50, 3 Killeen; £73.00, Achnacone; £72.50, Dunmor; £72.00, Mid Farm; £69.50, Achnacree Beag; £68.00, Frackersaig; £67.00, Ardencaple; £65.50, Balnagown Croft; £65.00, 3 Killeen; £65.00, Annat; £65.00, Callart. BeltX - £72.00, Acharonich; £69.00, Achnacree Beag; £68.50, £68.00, Tyree; £68.00, Croft2 Fanmore. TexX - £75.00, Poltalloch; £75.00, Balnagown; £74.50, Keilbeg; £74.00, Fiaraidh Grazings, Barra; £74.00, 123 Craigston, Barra; £73.50, Balligarve; £73.00, Kengharair; £73.00, Blackcroft; £71.00, Creagnich; £70.00, Blackcroft; £69.00, Bal-

nagown; £68.50, Poltalloch; £67.50, Kengharair; £67.50, 123 Craigston Barra; £67.50, Keilbeg; £67.00, Bailuacraich; £66.00, 3 Baligrundle. Chev - £74.00, Glenmore; £70.00, Barndromin; £67.00, Slaterich; £65.50, Glenmore; £64.50, Torloisk; £63.00, Barndromin. Cross - £70.50, Laggan; £68.50, Glenstrae Farmers; £65.50, Pennygown; £63.00, 17 St Brendan Rd. Barra. Mule - £65.00, Fiart; £64.50, South Achinduin; £63.00, Tyree; £60.50, Poltalloch. Chev Mule - £65.00, Tyree. BF - £54.00, 17 St Brendan Rd. Barra; £47.50, Dunach Estate; £44.00, Kengharair. Ewes - TexX - £98.00, £94.00, Croft 2 Fanmore; £73.00, Tyree. Chev - £64.00, Caddleton Farms. Cross - £54.50, Glenmore. Mule - £61.50, Poltalloch.

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Album award hope for mellow MOJO stars

An Oban musical duo, who wowed the Ardfert audience at the 2019 MOJO festival of original Argyll music, has been nominated for a national award.

The Blue Moon Travellers made the list of nominations in the Scottish Album of the Year Awards 2020 for their debut album of original music *Into the Blue*.

The awards showcase the diversity of music in Scotland and include independent as well as established musicians across all genres.

The combined driving force behind contemporary acoustic duo The Blue Moon Travellers are experienced musicians Sheila McWhirter and Jim Bowes.

Their style encompasses a range of flavours, often combining the styles of folk, rock and jazz.

The duo opened last year's MOJO showcase in Craignish



The Blue Moon Travellers, Sheila McWhirter and Jim Bowes.

Village Hall, setting a great atmosphere for the rest of the night with their mellow acoustic songs, giving a bit of calm and spiritual energy before the louder and faster-paced acts took off.

Speaking after MOJO 2019,

the event's organiser, Dan Sloan-Griffiths, reflected on their performance: 'Sheila's captivating vocals and Jim's skilful guitar playing got everybody listening from the first note to the last.

'A great set, in a style not

often heard, went down well with the audience.'

Sheila and Jim said: 'During the current circumstances it is great to have an eligible album of original tracks, and to be on the list with so many great Scottish artists.'

MSP welcomes 'redoubled efforts' on whisky tariffs

Highlands and Islands MSP Donald Cameron says he 'wants to see movement' on US-imposed tariffs of 25 per cent on Scotch malt whisky, after similar trade obstacles for other exports were scrapped.

It follows an announcement that tariffs on shortbread are to be scrapped and confirmation that the US will not impose tariffs on blended whisky or gin.

Mr Cameron said: 'My congratulations go to International Trade Secretary Liz Truss in securing these important advances in the trade talks with the US.'

'Many producers across the Highlands and Islands will be delighted at this progress which eases access to an important overseas market.'

'However, we also want to see movement on the tariffs on malt whisky, so I am pleased that she is redoubling her efforts to secure progress there too.'

Less impressed was chief executive of the Scotch Whisky Association Karen Betts, who said: 'It has taken the UK government a full six months after the UK left the EU to start to tackle tariffs directly with the US government, which seems to us inexplicably slow. While we welcomed International Trade Secretary Liz Truss' visit to the US earlier this month to talk directly to US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, it was clearly too little, too late.'

'The tariff is inflicting huge damage on the Scotch whisky sector, with exports to the US down 30 per cent since the tariff came into effect and the industry grappling with losses now totalling around £300 million. These losses relate only to tariffs – the impact of Covid-19 has been serious and has compounded what is now a serious situation for Scotch whisky, with some brands forced out of the market and jobs in the industry and our supply chain now at risk.'

'Scotch whisky is a crucial part of Scotland's economy, employing more than 11,000 people. At the very least, the government must commit to a duty cut in the autumn budget.'

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GEM chief executive Neil Worth offered some reassurance for drivers. "Motorways may be the fastest roads we use, but they are statistically also the safest; and there are fewer collisions on motorways than on other roads," he said.

Stay back – leave a safety gap

"A serious risk occurs when there is not enough time and space between vehicles travelling at high speed. "Imagine a sudden hazard ahead of you on the motorway. According to the Highway Code, if you're driving at 70mph you will need a minimum of 96 metres to come to a stop.

"We recommend that all drivers familiarise themselves with the two-second rule. It's time-based, not distance-based, so it's effective at

• **STAY ALERT** – don't fight signs of tiredness

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"Try it out on your next motorway journey. You should note as the vehicle in front passes a fixed point, such as a sign, bridge or lamp-post. Then you say 'Only a fool breaks the two-second rule.' If you are still speaking when you pass the same fixed point, then you are following too close."

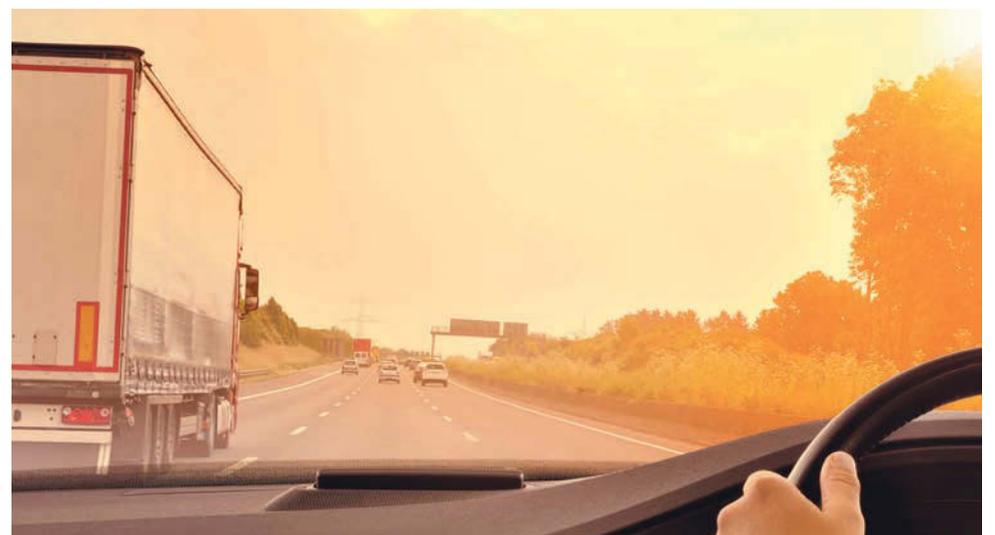
Stay alert – take regular breaks

Neil explained that a fatigue-related crash was around 50 per cent more likely to result in death or serious injury, simply because a driver who has fallen asleep at the wheel would be unable to reduce speed or change direction to avoid a collision. "The consequences can be devastating," he said.

"Falling asleep at the wheel is easily avoided, but it's vital you heed the many warning signs your body will give you before you actually nod off.

"After all, no-one simply falls asleep without passing through various recognisable stages of tiredness and distraction.

"You will experience difficulty focusing on



your driving, you may fidget, yawn constantly and rub your eyes frequently. You may find your thoughts constantly wandering away from driving, you may drift to the left or right, you may be slowing down without realising and you'll suddenly find you cannot recall anything that happened in the past few minutes.

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Events season hasn't gone to plan this year and most shows have had to be cancelled but the

Pick-Up Professionals at Isuzu haven't let that stop them. The Summer Show by Isuzu will be split into three general interest sections: Agriculture, Towing and Adventure.

The Isuzu virtual stand displays the full range of D-Max pick-ups and viewers can look around some very different Isuzu D-Max vehicles and accessories that are perfectly suited to agriculture and outdoor activities.

Towing is a weighty topic for pick-up owners as over 90 per cent of D-Max are sold with a tow bar. Geared towards novice towers and helping the more experienced brush up on their

skills, some top towing tips are on offer.

An off-road course is a popular attraction for visitors at all Isuzu summer shows and this one is no exception. The grand finale will be a celebrity getting into some sticky situations as they demonstrate just how capable the Isuzu D-Max XTR is in eXTREme conditions on the ultimate off-road adventure.

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PEUGEOT SHINES IN THE DIESEL CAR & ECO CAR TOP 50



PEUGEOT models have scored several wins at the Diesel Car & Eco Car Top 50 awards, with the all-new 2008 SUV named Best Compact SUV and the all-new e-2008 SUV named Best Compact Electric Car, while the PEUGEOT Rifter was awarded the Best Utility Vehicle. PEUGEOT models, including the 3008 SUV, 5008 SUV and 508 also featured in the Top 50 list of best vehicles currently on the market.

Five of PEUGEOT's latest models have been listed in the Diesel Car & Eco Car Top 50 awards. The all-new PEUGEOT 2008 SUV was crowned winner of the Compact SUV category, with its fully electric variant

winning the Compact Electric Car category, and ranked 13th overall in the Top 50 standings.

Ian Robertson, editor and publisher of Diesel Car & Eco Car, said: "The second-generation PEUGEOT 2008 SUV has undergone a complete transformation, trading in its soft lines for a chiselled baby-3008 SUV design.

"Powered by a range of traditional petrol and diesel engines, the arrival of the e-2008 SUV is ground-breaking in the baby SUV sector, meaning that buyers can choose an all-electric version for the first time."

The PEUGEOT Rifter was

awarded the Best Utility Vehicle by Diesel Car & Eco Car, with the magazine praising its practicality and capability.

Robertson said: "If the term 'lifestyle vehicle' fills you with horror, look no further than the PEUGEOT Rifter. Five-seat models feature the standard wheelbase, while seven-seat editions gain a longer wheelbase.

"Choose the latter option and there's a staggering 4,000 litres of load space with all seats folded down."

Diesel Car & Eco Car ranked the PEUGEOT 3008 SUV sixth in its Top 50 rankings, praising the SUV

for its "eye-catching" looks and efficient line-up of diesel engines. PEUGEOT's i-Cockpit® also earned praise from the judging panel thanks to its compact dimensions and the incorporation of a digital instrument panel.

The 5008 SUV and 508 were also ranked 41st and 33rd by Diesel Car & Eco Car in its annual ranking. Both vehicles impressed the judges with their line-up of efficient diesel engines, as well as stylish interiors featuring the latest in technology and driver assistance features and the availability of plug-in powertrains on the 508 and 508 SW.

David Peel, managing director

of PEUGEOT UK, said: "To rack up so many awards and Top 50 performances in the latest Diesel Car & Eco Car Top 50 shows the breadth and strength of the current PEUGEOT model line-up.

"Efficiency runs through the heart of the PEUGEOT brand, which is why we have made the commitment to have an electrified variant across our entire model line-up by 2023, complementing our current diesel and petrol models that are among the cleanest and most efficient in the sector."

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Subaru awarded best manufacturer for safety features in the 2020 driver power survey

For the second year running, Subaru has been voted Best Manufacturer for Safety Features in the 2020 Driver Power survey, the UK's number one car ownership survey.

In the overall rankings, Subaru placed third in a fiercely competitive field of 30 manufacturers. Steve Fowler, editor at Auto Express, said: "This year marks another exceptional performance for Subaru, as Driver Power respondents told us they're happy with almost everything that relates to life with these cars. Owners find them immensely satisfying to drive, enjoy their fantastic interiors, and can rely on them day in, day out. Owners also say no other car maker offers better safety systems. Given these results, it's easy to see why Subaru owners tend to be a loyal lot."

Chris Graham, managing director at Subaru UK, commented: "The results of this industry-leading survey clearly show that owners appreciate the importance of being able to choose and drive a car that's built to be Better Where It Matters – and nothing matters more

than safety. We're delighted that Subaru owners recognise our on-going commitment to build the safest cars on the road today, as well as praising the outstanding capability, practicality and reliability that our vehicles offer.

"We are immensely proud to be placed third out of 30 manufacturers and will continue to work tirelessly to deliver against – and exceed – owners' expectations."

All three Subaru SUVs hold the maximum five-star Euro NCAP safety rating and are fitted with a host of safety features, including EyeSight driver assistance, as standard. Subaru's exceptional safety credentials have been recognised with several notable awards in recent months. Subaru's brand-new Driver Monitoring System won the Technology Award at the 2020 What Car? Awards and was described as 'the most advanced of its kind', proving to be more accurate than other manufacturer systems at identifying when concentration was lost.

Forester e-BOXER was named Best in Class 2019



in the Small Off-Road/MPV Class in the Euro NCAP 2019 safety performance test, achieving outstanding scores in all four assessment areas and registering the highest score ever (91 per cent) in its class for Child Occupant Protection. Forester was also awarded 4x4 Magazine's

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Isuzu D-Max sales up 50% for best July on record

The award-winning Isuzu D-Max has recorded its strongest ever sales performance for July, up 50 per cent on the same month last year. As the company prepares for launch of the All-New D-Max in 2021, Isuzu UK is recruiting new dealers to help it achieve its medium-term target of 10,000 sales per year by 2025.

Thanks to its 3.5t towing capacity, shift-on-the-fly 4WD system and one-tonne payload, the Isuzu D-Max has been highly decorated with a whole host of accolades including the What Van? Pick-Up of the Year 2020. As well as industry professionals, the D-Max is also held in high regard by its loyal – and growing – customer base.

Farmers, tradespeople and fleet customers are attracted by the D-Max's rugged reliability and broad range of accessories and fleet solutions, while customers who use their truck for business and pleasure love the sophistication and the distinctive styling of the 'Adventure' range models like the Blade and XTR.

In addition to record sales, interest in the brand is also at an all-time high with the Isuzu website witnessing

record traffic and brochure downloads last month as the country steadily opens back up for business.

William Brown, managing director of Isuzu UK, commented: "Our team has worked exceptionally hard to achieve this fantastic sales record and it's great to see that more people are recognising the capabilities and strengths of our award-winning truck. Moving forward, we're currently getting ready for the arrival of the All-New D-Max due next year. We're extremely excited about this as the new model raises the bar in the pick-up segment for comfort and safety, while retaining Isuzu's traditional strengths of durability and practicality."

As a brand, Isuzu is firmly on track to achieving its business objective of reaching 10,000 sales per year by 2025 and is now actively recruiting new dealers to expand its network in order to fulfill its growth expectations over the next few years.

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CARELESS SATNAV POSITIONING COULD LAND YOU IN TROUBLE, WARNS GEM

Poor positioning of satnav devices on car windscreens is posing a significant threat to road safety, says breakdown organisation GEM Motoring Assist. Today's large screen devices positioned in the middle of car windscreens mean a potentially dangerous reduction in driver visibility, especially on left hand bends and at junctions, according to GEM.

GEM chief executive Neil Worth said: "Satnav devices are great for reducing a lot of motoring stress and showing you the way on unfamiliar journeys. But if in the process you're obscuring a large part of your field of view, then you are taking a risk as well as breaking the law."

"A typical large screen satnav device measuring nearly seven inches (17cm) wide by four inches (10.48cm) high has the potential to cause significant restrictions to a driver's field of view, especially if it's mounted in the centre of the windscreen below a large rear view mirror."

"A small screen device may seem to be only a minor obstruction from inside the car. However, it has the potential to hide a much larger area outside the car, depending on where you sit and the distance you are from it."

"Placing a satnav right in the centre of the windscreen will block most of your nearside view, and will mean you miss all the hazards that might be there. This is particularly dangerous on left-hand bends, at junctions and crossings, and in any locations where you may share the

road space with cyclists and pedestrians."

Department for Transport advice is that nothing should intrude more than 1cm into a 29cm-wide strip of windscreen directly in front of the steering wheel, or more than 4cm into the rest of the area swept by the windscreen wipers.

GEM has assembled some simple tips to ensure your view of the road is not obstructed by a poorly-positioned sat nav:

- Ensure you position your satnav so that it won't affect your view of the road and your ability to drive safely.
- The safest place for a satnav is low down on your windscreen, and to the far right, to minimise obstruction of your field of view.
- If this is not possible, then it may be acceptable in the centre of the windscreen, but you should position it as low down as possible.
- Make sure you choose the right seat height and position to suit your individual shape and size before positioning your satnav.
- Avoid fitting the satnav to a location that could cause injury to a driver or passenger in a crash. This includes potential head strike zones on the windscreen, or other locations where deploying an airbag may contact them.
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The Dacia Duster's trophy cabinet has been extended to accommodate another victory with the announcement of the popular family model scooping the Best Value New Car prize in Auto Trader's 2020 New Car Awards.

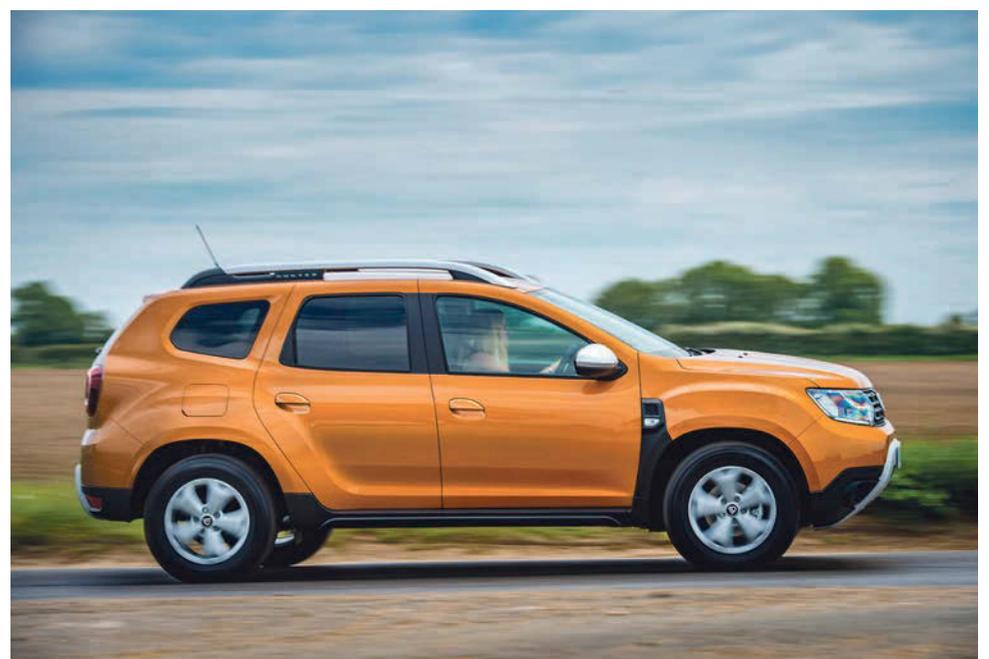
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ers voted in the latest awards, with the Duster coming out on top as the best value of all the contenders for the second year in a row after winning the same award in 2019.

Speaking of the win, Erin Baker, editorial director of Auto Trader, said: "The Dacia

Duster achieved one of the highest scores in our survey this year to claim the coveted Auto Trader Best Value New Car Award. The Duster still offers so much car, for so little money!"

Building on its extensive list of existing accolades, the



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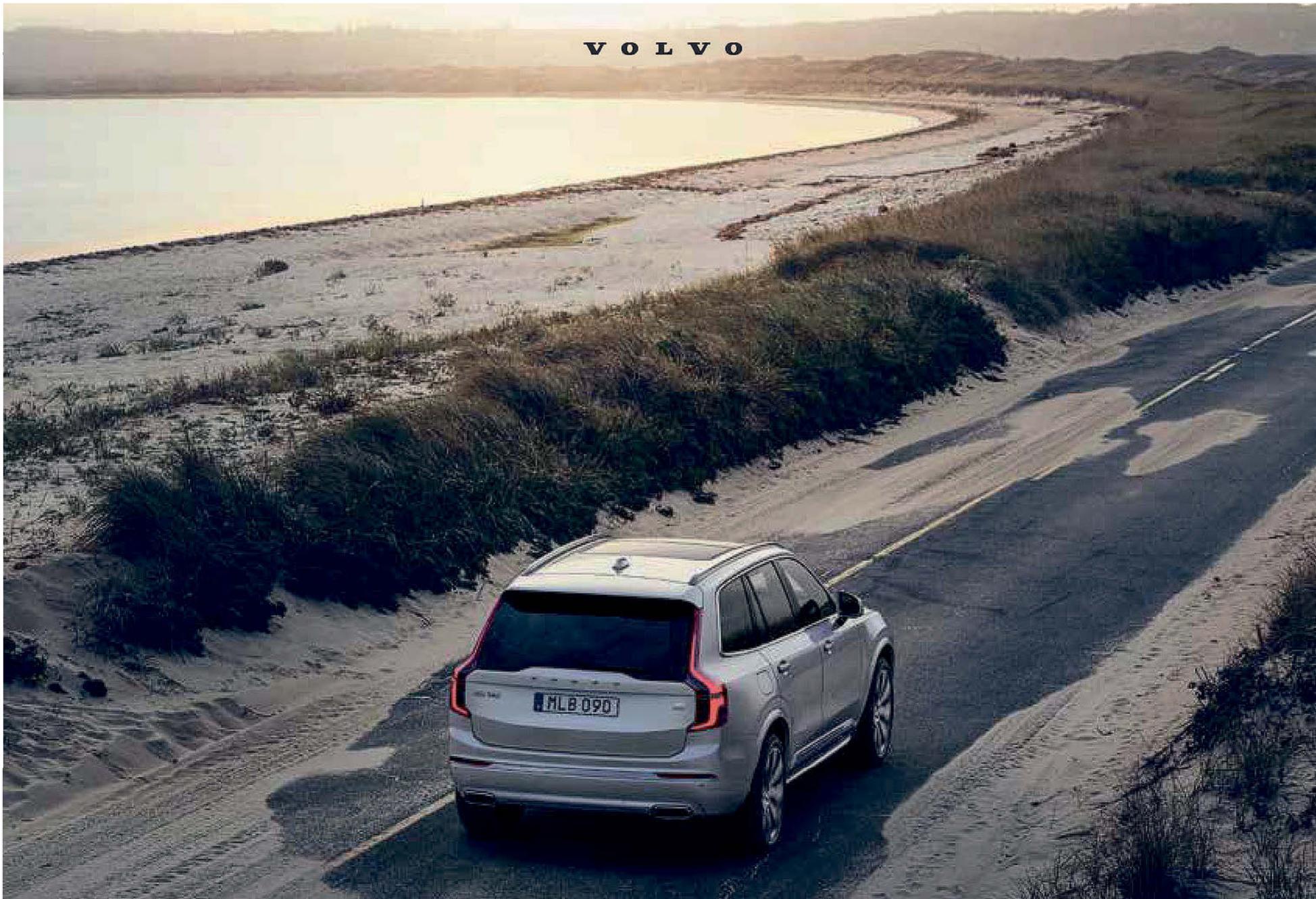
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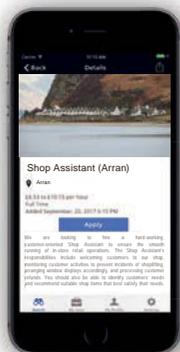
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DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (CROSS STREET AND UNION STREET, CAMPBELTOWN) (TEMPORARY ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

On Monday 17th August 2020, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14(1)(c) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to introduce a one-way operation on the sections of road indicated in the Schedule below.

The restrictions imposed by this Order which are required because of the likelihood of danger to the public, will be effective when indicated by signs from 0001 hours on 27th August to 2359 hours on 31st March 2021, or until the permanent Order supersedes, whichever is the earlier.

SCHEDULE - ONE-WAY OPERATION

Length of Road within Campbeltown	Permitted direction of travel
1. That section of Cross Street , extending from its junction with Main Street to its junction with Union Street.	Northwesterly
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PLANNING

The applications listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be viewed electronically through Argyll and Bute Council website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk. Having regard to Schedule 6, Part 3, s10 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020, documents are only available to inspect electronically at this time. Customers requiring assistance can contact us by e-mail: planning.hq@argyll-bute.gov.uk or tel. 01546 605518.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
20/01278/PP	Use of land and temporary siting of accommodation/cabins for 40 workers, associated handstanding, parking, breakout area, waste storage area	Tarbert Holiday Park, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6YF
20/01260/PP	Demolition of dwellinghouse and garden store and erection of replacement dwellinghouse and garden store/workshop	Waters Edge, Inverneill, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA30 8ES
20/01322/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, formation of access and installation of sewage treatment plant	Land South Of Elyston, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute

Written comments can be submitted online <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/find-and-comment-planning-applications> or to Argyll and Bute Council, Development Management, Kilmory Castle, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered. A weekly list of all applications can be viewed on the Councils website. Customers are requested to use electronic communication where possible during the coronavirus pandemic as our ability to process postal mail is restricted.

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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

Who would have thought we would have been socially isolated for almost five months.

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Tentatively we tip-toe cautiously on our first post lockdown steps and look around us with just an air of trepidation.

We hear stories of those who have abused the instructions to be careful and there are consequences.

If we neglect to be careful, we will pay the price and will endanger lives.

We know the deadly virus has not gone away, yet it lulls some into a false sense of security in believing that it is safe to go back to normal.

It is not.

However, there is an opportunity to meet up with loved ones, provided the rules are observed.

With many others we have been blessed to enjoy the company of family and friends recently and what a joy that has been.

One of the many blessings was in such a simple pleasure.

Jane had never seen sea glass before and was enchanted as the morning tide brought in these multicoloured jewels.

The sun danced on the waves and the surf delivered glass of green and blue, white and pink.

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Delighted with her treasure, Jane packed them away along with happy memories of a few special days by the ocean.

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LOCH AWE

Drax Group's iconic Cruachan hydro electric power Station is to undergo a £1million upgrade to modernise its turbine control system.

The upgrade will see the station's current programmable logic controller computer system replaced with a new design to put the station at the cutting edge of energy technology to improve Cruachan's efficiency. Control system builders ITI will undertake the design, installation and commissioning of the upgrade across the station's four units.

The power station, constructed in a cavern within Ben Cruachan on the shores of Loch Awe, played a critical role in stabilising the country's electricity system throughout the Covid-19 pandemic due to its flexibility. The plant can generate power in less than a minute when needed and can also store excess electricity from the grid like a giant battery, a service which was called upon when the low electricity demand during the lockdown coincided with periods of high wind power in Scotland.

The plant's reversible turbines pump water from Loch Awe to an upper reservoir on the mountainside to store excess power from the grid. The stored water is then released back through the turbines to generate power quickly and reliably when demand increases.

KINTYRE

Mull of Kintyre music festival (MOK Fest) has taken its virtual 2020 event to new heights by beaming a unique Scottish rendition of David Bowie's 'Space Oddity' to the International Space Station.

The annual music festival teamed up with the Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC), in the running to become the UK's first spaceport, to record the unique set, featuring local band Slainte Davaar Allstar's cover of Bowie's iconic track.

With the festival moved online this year the organisers came up with the idea of partnering



Cruachan dam, high above Loch Awe. Photo: Raining girl.

with the old airbase and its unconventional location for the exclusive gig.

The set was performed on the former top-secret RAF base runway - nearly two miles long and one of the longest in Europe - for current Commander of the ISS Chris Cassidy and Cosmonauts Anatoly Ivanishin and Ivan Vagner, as they orbit the earth at 17,000mph.

Event manager Iain Johnston of JIG Events said: 'The Mull of Kintyre Music Festival has encouraged people to visit Kintyre from all parts of the globe since its inception 28 years ago and we were naturally disappointed, like every other event organiser up and down the country, to have to cancel this year. However, what better way to turn it into a positive than to take our music interstellar.'

'We hope the ISS astronauts enjoy their Scottish welcome just as much as we enjoyed

making it. As far as stage backdrops go, it might not be quite as impressive as Chris Hadfield's, but it's still pretty unique!'

ISLE OF GIGHA

The Gigha Hotel has been shortlisted in the annual Good Food Awards.

But, with voting having closed on August 14, sadly it is too late to vote for your favourite.

A posting on the Gigha Hotel Facebook page read: 'As many of our guests will know, our chefs are passionate about serving delicious food and have been working hard to create the very best locally-sourced dishes for you to enjoy.'

'That's why we are thrilled to see their efforts recognised in this way.'

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DEATHS

GALBRAITH - Suddenly but peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on the August 16, 2020, Alexander Fraser Galbraith (Alex) in his 93rd year, 30 Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Rose Galbraith, much loved dad of Alister and Lesley, father-in-law of John, loving granda of Craig, Scott, Richard, Stefan and Adam and a beloved great granda. Funeral Service Private in line with current government guidelines. Alex's funeral will take place on Thursday August 20, 2020. The cortege will leave the home address at 12.00 noon. after a short prayer. Travelling round Calton Avenue onto Davaar Avenue down the Roding, to Millknowe Road onto Longrow then Longrow South and Main Street passing the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery.

Family, friends and neighbours are welcome to pay their last respects to Alex on our journey. Please remember to observe social distancing.

LANG - Peacefully at home, 119 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, surrounded by his family, on the August 16, 2020, DAVID MCKENDRICK LANG, in his 77th, dearly beloved husband of Catherine Colville, much loved dad of David, Marie and Peter, loving granda of Kimberly, Andrew, Owen, Adrian, Rheanna, Jessica and Aaron, great granda to Josh and a good friend and neighbour to many. Funeral Service Private in line with current government guidelines. David's funeral will take place on Wednesday, August 19, 2020. The cortege will leave the home address at 1.00 p.m. travelling down Ralston Road and Main Street passing the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery.

Family, friends and neighbours are welcome to pay their last respects to David on our journey. Please remember to observe social distancing.

MACKINNON - Peacefully at home, Cala Grianach, Tarbert on Sunday August 16, 2020, Catherine Smith aged 89. Much loved daughter of the late Malcolm and Chrissie. Loving sister of Malcolm and the late Alistair, Ian and Elsie. Aunt, great Aunt and

great-great Aunt. A private family funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium on Monday August 24.

McGOUGAN - Suddenly at home in Barbados on August 6, 2020, Douglas Stewart in his 49th year, much loved younger son of Johnny and Catherine, loving dad of Mason and Callan, dear brother of Iain, brother-in-law of Ruth and beloved uncle to Graham, Jo-Anne, Aimee and Emma. Cremation took place in Barbados on Thursday 20, 2020.

McPHAIL - Suddenly at home on August 12, 2020, John Park McPhail, beloved husband of the late Sandra McLeod, wonderful dad to Aileen and Lindsey and loving pa of John, Grant and Laurie, who all adored him. Due to current restrictions a private graveside service will be held on Monday, August 24 at 12 noon in Strachur Cemetery.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BROWN - Following the sad loss of Duncan, Margaret, Dorothy, Marjorie and families would like to thank Dr Lazarus for his exceptional care over the years, Maggie Wilkieson, Macmillan nurse, for her unstinting kindness and care, the community nurses for their friendly care and compassion, Carr Gomm and Carers Direct carers for their wonderful attention over the years, Kenny, Rhys, David, and Kelly of T.A. Blair, funeral directors, for their efficient and compassionate handling of arrangements. Grateful thanks to Rev. William Crossan for his wonderful tribute. Many thanks also to everyone who sent cards, flowers, and hampers, which were all very much appreciated. Finally, thank you to everyone who paid their respects as Duncan made his final journey. It has been heart warming for us to see the outpouring of affection shown. He absolutely loved Campbeltown and its people, and we know he would have been very touched. Thank you all.

LITSTER - Moira, Yvonne, Vivienne and their families wish to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, visits, cards, food, baking, flowers and

charitable donations received following their recent sad loss of Danny. Special thanks to local ambulance staff, Air Ambulance medics and staff at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital for their care and attention to Danny. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who took time to pay their respects during the cortege's route through Kilmichael and Lochgilphead. Thanks to Cameron MacDonald for conducting the funeral ceremony in a personal and dignified manner; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their care and professionalism; to Morna for beautiful floral tributes, and also to Christine for allowing us to have a small, but intimate service enabling us to celebrate Danny's life.

McNEILL - The family of the late John McNeill would like to express their thanks to all their relatives, friends and neighbours for all the flowers, cards and messages of sympathy. We would also like to thank the medical team at Tarbert Health Centre, the district nurses, Marie Curie, the health care team and the home care team. Special thanks to Ian MacInnes of D & A Munn for his caring and efficient funeral arrangements, the Rev R MacLeod for a personal and comforting service, piper John Hunt for playing lovely tunes and to all those who paid their respects on John's final journey.

STEWART - Sanders and the family of the late Ishbel would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the messages, cards, flowers and support following their sad loss. Thanks to all the staff at the Lochgilphead Medical Centre and a special thanks to the Carr Gomm and Argyll & Bute Council carers for their support, warmth and kindness. To Donald MacDonald, Funeral Directors for their professionalism, care and compassion.

IN MEMORIAM

GARDNER - Edwin Paul, died August 23, 2015. Always loved, Always remembered, Treasured and cherished memories. - Christine, Jamie, Angie and family.

MACFARLANE - In loving memory of Alastair, who died in Sri Lanka, on August 24, 2013. A dearly loved son and brother, remembered every day. - Mum and Malcolm xx. Treasured memories of all our loved ones gone before. Forever in our thoughts.

McCALLUM - Precious memories of a loving husband, dad and grandpa Colin who passed away on August 22, 2011. We love and miss you every day. In our hearts you will always stay. - Love Amy, Colin, Edward, Katie and the grandchildren

MUIR - Treasured memories of our dear brother and uncle, Jim, died August 20, 2011. Always in our thoughts. - Jean, Jessie and family

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SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



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Alister triumphs in new Lochgilphead competition

A brand new trophy was up for grabs when players took to the course at Lochgilphead Golf Club on Saturday August 15.

Raymond Flanagan sponsored the Diabetes UK trophy and players were asked to dig deep and donate to this worthy cause.

There were some great scores and Kathleen Young, who played early in the morning, was leading with 38 points, closely followed by Margaret MacKinnon on 37 points.

New member Alister MacArthur overtook them, playing a fantastic round including a birdie at the 14th, giving him five points to add to his winning total of 40 points. Competitors very generously donated £150 to Diabetes UK.



Alister MacArthur.



John Martin won the George Kenneth singles on August 8, with runner-up Kenny Prentice.

Bowling along nicely in Tarbert

There has been plenty of action at Tarbert Bowling Club since the easing of lockdown allowed play to resume in July.

On Saturday August 8 it was the George Kenneth singles, when John Martin won the day and Kenny Prentice was runner up.

The winners of the Tarbert open pairs in the sunshine on August 15 were Ian Mackinnon and Lewis MacNaughton, with runners-up Laura and Duncan MacGregor.

Everyone who played and came along to support the club was congratulated.



Winners of the Tarbert open pairs on August 15 – Ian Mackinnon and Lewis MacNaughton.

James Johnson Cup and August Medal at Tarbert

Tarbert golf course at Glenralloch was in fantastic condition last weekend thanks to Graham and John's non-stop work earlier in the week, and with the sun shining some good golf was anticipated.

The over-55s were competing for the James Johnson Cup, with the youngsters playing for the August Medal.

The James Johnson was a close affair as Iain Macalister took the honours with a nett 66, beating both Steve Bleasby and Malcolm McAlpine by one shot.

In the medal, Iain Johnstone jnr continued his impressive form of late with a 70-12 for a nett 58 and a handicap reduction of one. Iain started with a seven but recovered very well to complete the remaining holes in one over par. Club captain Kenny MacFarlane was next on 64 and James Smyth third on 66.

In the Cairns Christie semi-final, James Smyth defeated John MacNab and he awaits either Steve Bleasby or Peter McLean jnr in the final.

The weekend of August 22-23 sees the start of the Tarbert Golf Club championship with the first and second rounds taking place.



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