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Family's distress over 'cruel' destruction of grave flowers

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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A Kintyre woman has spoken of her family's distress after flowers placed at her father's grave in Kilkerran Cemetery were destroyed.

Three artificial floral arrangements, placed on Donald Brown's grave by his wife Sheena and children Andrew and Cassie, were discovered on Sunday November 15 'absolutely demolished', with stems cut and removed.

Cassie explained this act of vandalism is particularly painful for the family as the fifth anniversary of Donald's death on December 26 approaches.

Donald's family places flowers on his grave throughout the year - fresh flowers from spring to autumn and artificial flowers during winter - and had only laid the arrangements in question a few weeks ago.

Cassie explained it is not the cost of replacing the arrangements which upsets the family but the fact that someone has



Andrew, Sheena and Cassie Brown standing to the right of Donald's grave.

destroyed something of great sentimental value and she is appealing to those responsible to think before they carry out

such 'shameful' acts. She said: 'I wouldn't care if I had to buy flowers to put down there every week, that's not the issue,

it's the behaviour that is not acceptable. I don't understand how anyone can stand at someone's grave and do that,

it's disgusting. They should be hanging their heads in shame. We're absolutely devastated.'

The arrangements, a rose-bowl and two vases, had each been put together using glue, and the florist who made them told the family it is highly unlikely the damage was accidental or caused by animals, which would only be interested in real flowers.

The family believes the vandalism - which is thought to have taken place on either Saturday November 14 or the following day, when it was discovered - may have been targeted, as no other graves appeared to have been desecrated.

They have since bought replacement artificial flowers which have been arranged using extra glue and wires, and will be firmly secured in place, to minimise the risk of

something similar happening again.

Each year, the family clubs together to buy a large wreath to place at the grave on the anniversary of Donald's death, but they fear it, too, could be destroyed if the vandals are not caught.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'Our staff are aware of the incident and are working with Police Scotland. Vandalism in cemeteries is very upsetting and we would urge witnesses to come forward if they have any information.'

Police told the Courier that officers are investigating the incident and are appealing to any witnesses or anyone with information to get in touch by telephoning 101 or anonymously calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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Islay woman is SNP candidate



Jenni Minto, the SNP Scottish Parliamentary candidate for Argyll and Bute.

An Islay resident has been selected as the SNP candidate for Argyll and Bute in next year's elections to Holyrood.

Jenni Minto, who was born in Elgin and grew up in St Andrews, was chosen by SNP members locally after long-serving MSP Michael Russell announced his decision to stand down after first being elected to serve Argyll and Bute in 2011.

Jenni, manager of the Museum of Islay Life, said

on social media: 'I am so honoured to have been selected. A massive thank you to everyone who voted for me.'

She also thanked fellow candidates Councillor Rhiannon Spear, Sarah Fanet and Breege Smyth.

Michael Russell MSP said: 'I am delighted Jenni has been selected and I look forward to working with her as she gets to know the people and the communities of this wide-ranging and

diverse constituency and to campaigning with her as she prepares for next year's Holyrood election.

'Living on Islay as she does, she already has a deep understanding of the particular challenges people face here and I am sure she will make a great, hard-working MSP for everyone in Argyll and Bute. I will miss the privilege of serving my home area in the parliament, but I can think of no-one better able to take on that challenge.'

POLICE FILES

Offensive weapon

A 40-year-old man was arrested at 6.45am on Tuesday November 17, in Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, and later charged, for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner and brandishing an offensive weapon.

Abusive behaviour

A 48-year-old woman was traced, charged and issued with a recorded police warning after allegedly behaving in an abusive manner at 8.15pm on Tuesday November 17, in Mill Road, Campbeltown.

Possession of a knife

A 51-year-old man was arrested and charged after he was searched by police at 10.45am on Friday November 20, in Burnbank Street, Campbeltown, and allegedly found in possession of a knife.

Vehicle damaged

The driver's wing mirror of a red Vauxhall Insignia was damaged when it was struck by a northbound wide-load lorry at 1.25pm on Friday November 20 on the A83 near Clachan.

The lorry failed to stop and report the collision. Police are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Abusive behaviour

A 29-year-old man was arrested at 1.15am on Friday November 20, in Port Askaig, Islay, and later charged for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner and attempting to assault a man.

Remembering the Antares tragedy

The thoughts of many people in Kintyre will this week have been with the family and friends of those who perished when the Carradale fishing boat Antares was sunk in the Firth of Clyde 30 years ago.

All four crew members - James Russell, William Martindale, Stewart Campbell and Dugald John Campbell - lost their lives when the trawler

sank between Arran and the Ayrshire coast on November 22 1990. There was huge controversy and anger when it became clear the 50-foot vessel was sunk after her nets became entangled with a Royal Navy nuclear submarine, HMS Trenchant, passing below.

The tragedy led to the introduction of major changes governing the way in which the

Royal Navy carries out training exercises where civilian vessels are nearby, although that must bring little solace to those who live, 30 years on, without their sons, brothers and fathers.

Right: The memorial plaque at Carradale harbour remembering the men who lost their lives on the Antares.



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'Cautious' relaxation of rules at Christmas

The Scottish Government has agreed a 'cautious and limited' relaxation of the rules on household meetings over Christmas.

A maximum of three households will be able to meet in a 'bubble' during a short window of time across the festive period.

Households will be able to travel between local authorities and between the four nations of the UK between December 23 and 27 to form a bubble, but must only join one bubble.

The five-day period provides time for travel and for those who may have to work over Christmas. Households are not required to use all five days and are advised to keep visits to no more than one or two days if possible.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said it is clear there is an inherent risk in any relaxation of the restrictions and asked everyone to consider carefully whether the opportunity to mix for a few days is necessary given the risk of spreading the virus.

Mairi Semple Fund's festive appeal

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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A charity which supports people in Kintyre receiving cancer treatment by providing financial aid is launching a festive appeal in a bid to make up for some of the lost fundraising opportunities this year.

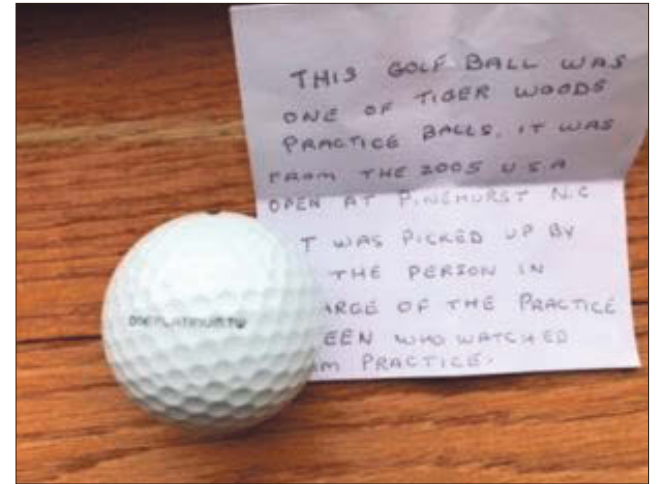
The Mairi Semple Fund has continued to support people in need throughout the Covid-19 pandemic but, like many other charities, its fundraising efforts have been hampered by restrictions which forced the cancellation of its usual annual events including coffee mornings.

In a bid to keep up its lifeline work, the charity is organising a 12 days of Christmas online auction.

Items on offer include: A golf ball used by Tiger Woods in the 2005 US Open, donated by Mary Wilson; various single malt whiskies, donated by Helen Steel, Andrew Smith and Son; a car wash courtesy of the fund's treasurer Margaret Sinclair; a winter candle and Prosecco set, donated by

'By placing a bid you are helping us help the people of Kintyre who need our support in their fight against cancer'

Zing Organics; sirloin steak with all the trimmings and a bottle of red wine, donated by Glenbarr Farms; various model tractors and a combine, donated by Andrew Smith and Son, Glenside Tractors and Hamilton Brothers; coffee and cake for two courtesy of Glenbarr Stores; a handmade milking stool, donated by Peter and Pauline Simson; two haunches of venison from Strathnafanaig Farm; a Christmas goodies hamper, donated by Anne Horn and Tarbert Larder; a festive drinks hamper from the Mairi Semple Fund and D McNair and Son, and a gin hamper donated by Anne Marie Elliott; a hand-made wooden reindeer donat-



A hand-made wooden reindeer and a golf ball used by Tiger Woods are among the many items up for grabs in the online auction.

ed by Killocrew Farm; rounds of golf courtesy of Dunaverty Golf Club and Machrihanish Dunes Golf Club; a Christmas treat box donated by Tan Black; and a day's deer stalking for one courtesy of M Steel.

The auction will run from December 1 to December 12, at which point the winning bids will be sorted.

Bids can be placed at any

time between those dates by emailing fionaglenbarr@aol.com, via the Mairi Semple Cancer Fund Facebook page or Messenger, or at The Kintyre Larder on Main Street, making sure to include contact details, and that emails are acknowledged.

A spokesperson said: 'We haven't been able to host events so to allow us to continue to

support those that need it, we need to find a way to fundraise safely during this challenging time. By placing a bid you are helping us help the people of Kintyre who need our support in their fight against cancer.

'We would like to thank Helen Gilchrist, Linda McLean and everyone who very kindly donated for their help with the auction.'

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Leader calls for more localised Covid-19 tiers

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Argyll and Bute Council's leader has called for more localised tiered arrangements to deal with Covid-19 to be introduced in the area.

Councillor Robin Currie has pledged arrangements are in hand to liaise with Scottish Government ministers on introducing such a scheme should it be needed in the future.

Argyll and Bute is currently subject to level two rules under restrictions imposed by the Scottish Government in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic – though First Minister Nicola Sturgeon told

MSPs last week there was a possibility the area could be allowed the greater freedom of level one rules if infection rates fall far enough.

The details are contained in the leader's report which was due to go before a full meeting of Argyll and Bute Council yesterday (Thursday, November 26).

He said: 'Argyll and Bute was put into tier two with the associated restrictions starting from Monday November 2. In the lead-up to this, all Scottish local authorities had an opportunity to discuss the approach at a national level through the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities and telephone calls with Scottish ministers.

'I spoke with Aileen Campbell MSP, Minister for Communities and Local Government, firstly on October 27 as part of a Highlands and Islands local



Argyll and Bute Council leader Robin Currie is pursuing a more localised Covid-19 tiered system.

authority leaders' group call then individually the following day. In both calls I advised that communities across the area are questioning the scope for more localised arrangements, particularly

where case levels are very low or non-existent, given the impact on the economy.

'Ms Campbell highlighted that the decisions about local tier levels are based on a variety of matters, such as available medical services, and do not only relate to infection rates.

'While she would not commit to agreeing localised arrangements at this point, she did say this would be kept under consideration.

'Members will recall from previous leadership reports earlier in the lockdown period that frequent cross-party leadership calls were held to consider any urgent updates and issues related to the coronavirus pandemic.

'With the announcement of the tier system, a leadership call was convened on October 29 and arrangements are in hand to resume more frequent calls immediately should circumstances require it.'



Islay Archers received a CalMac Community Fund grant. CalMac fund helps archers hit target

A new archery club on Islay has hit its target to attract more members, with support from the CalMac Community Fund.

Islay Archers used funds to buy equipment and its have-a-go sessions proved popular, with the funding meaning more people were able to take part.

One young member said: 'I like archery and hitting the target most of the time and I am getting better at it.'

Lawrence Vellam, from Islay Archers, said: 'Up until the beginning of this spring, Islay Archers has attracted more members with the help

of the taster sessions. Our membership is now at a sustainable level, meaning Islay Archers Club is now viable for the long term, which is a big achievement for the first 18 months of the club being active.'

Non-profit groups tackling social isolation, poor mental health, loneliness and/or poverty across the CalMac network are being urged to submit applications for the latest round before November 30.

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Campbeltown Courier hits the airwaves

Stories from this paper are being broadcast over the airwaves, thanks to a charity and the support of local radio.

Argyll Talking Newspapers charity volunteers have been, for years, recording stories from Argyll and Bute newspapers before sending USB sticks free to people who find reading difficult.

But when lockdown began in March, the charity had to suspend services to its 125 listeners. The charity first turned to its Facebook page to provide a service, but also approached local radio stations asking for help.

Campbeltown-based Argyll FM – on 106.5, 107.1 and 107.7 FM – has stepped up to broadcast hour-long readings of the Campbeltown Courier, Argyllshire Advertiser and Ilead at midday each Monday. Robin Finlay, Argyll Talking Newspapers chairman, said: 'The station has been so helpful. We can't thank it enough for reaching out to our listeners in these difficult times.'

Fundraising star lights up Carradale night

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A fundraising superstar shone as he made his way through Carradale on a sponsored night walk which raised more than £1,000 for babies in need of neonatal care.

Evan McConnachie, aged 9, carried an illuminated sign as he took part in a Little Lights sponsored walk from

Carradale Harbour to Semple's Post Office last Friday night in aid of Bliss, a UK charity for babies born premature or sick, which has had to adapt its services throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. Evan was joined by his big sister Leah, 14, riding her pony Ted, who was lit up with fairy lights.

The Castlehill Primary School pupil was inspired to take on the challenge after a

staff member at his school and two of his aunts had children who required neonatal care.

So far, he has received an incredible £1,230 in sponsorship through his JustGiving page, with some money still to be donated.

Evan's mum Louise said: 'He brightened up everyone's night. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated. It means a lot.'



Evan McConnachie and his sister Leah.

DJ Connor lands radio breakfast show position

Campbeltown's Connor Chinn has recently returned from the Caribbean after a four-month deployment on RFA Argus, a ship of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, supporting humanitarian efforts in the region. On his

return, the up-and-coming DJ and producer was asked by London-based ExhilarateUK Radio, which broadcasts around the world, to host its Exhilarate Breakfast Show.

Connor is the only Scottish presenter involved with the

station, which has strong connections with Ibiza. Connor's new show – which broadcasts every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8am on www.exhilarateuk-radio.com – has already achieved great success.

Connor is especially keen to involve his home town of Campbeltown in the show by showcasing talent from the area and in the future securing a Kintyre company as a sponsor of the show.

He is also keen to promote

positivity around mental health matters. Any artistes interested in having their music played can get in touch with ExhilarateUK Radio by emailing exhilarateuk@gmail.com or by messaging on social media.



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Pupils go nuts over author's 'visit'

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Bookworms from Clachan, Tarbert and Achahoish primary schools were treated to a virtual visit from a children's author passionate about science, wildlife and storytelling.

Earlier this month, students and staff from the three schools tuned in from their classrooms to an online event with Emily Dodd, a writer who had been planning to visit Kintyre to take part in Tarbert Book Festival.

However, as this year's book festival was cancelled due to Covid restrictions, Emily joined the pupils virtually instead, from her home in Skye.

As well as writing a host of fiction and non-fiction books for children, Emily is a screenwriter for CBeebies science show Nina and the Neurons.

With more than 10 years' experience of delivering workshops in schools, museums and other venues, her events are a mixture of learning

and fun, great for engaging children. Emily read her book *Crime Squirrel Investigators: The Naughty Nut Thief* to the children and asked them to try and solve the mystery of the eaten hazelnuts by spotting clues and typing in answers.

She also shared interesting facts about nature and taught everyone dance moves so they could join in with her songs.

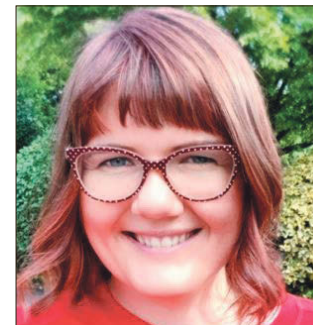
Ahead of the event, the children were given a chance to buy signed copies of the book and *The Grouse and the Mouse*, another of Emily's books.

One of the children who took part in the virtual event said afterwards: 'Emily read us the book and sang us songs with actions we had to follow. She also told us facts about how different animals eat nuts and how she researched the animals in each book. At the end of the session we got to ask questions about what it's like to be an author.'

Another student added: 'It was good fun because Emily



Clockwise from left: One of Clachan Primary School's pupils with a copy of Emily's book; author Emily Dodd joined the pupils virtually; Pupils from Achahoish Primary School tuned in to the online event.



was so interactive and she also taught us interesting facts about the way animals eat nuts. We also found out that a woodpecker's tongue wraps round

its skull! I was interested to find out how much money she earned as an author because I thought it would have been more than she said.'

A schools spokesperson said: 'It was great to have an author 'visit' our school and answer our questions when travel and visiting is so tricky. It was also

lovely to see the children joining in together. Emily hopes she can return next year to the Tarbert Book Festival and meet us all in person.'

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UK Government offering extra support to staff and firms during winter months

THE UK Government has pledged billions of pounds more to help workers and businesses throughout winter.

The furlough scheme, extended across the UK until the end of March, pays 80 per cent of wages up to £2,500 a month.

The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme subsidises the wages of people who cannot do their jobs because their workplace is closed or there is no longer enough work.

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UK Government Chancellor Rishi Sunak has announced extra measures to support workers and businesses throughout winter, including a furlough scheme extension paying 80 per cent of staff wages.

As part of the revised scheme – lasting until March 31, to be reviewed at the end of January – anyone made redundant on or after September 23 2020 may be able to be rehired and returned to furlough.

The Chancellor also announced billions of pounds of further support, including more money for self-employed workers.

The Self-Employment Income Support Scheme support will be increased, with the third grant covering November to January calculated at 80 per cent of average trading profits, up to a maximum of £7,500. Guaranteed funding for the UK's devolved administrations has been raised by £2 billion to £16 billion.

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The UK Government also announced:

- VAT deferral payments spread until March
- Bounce Back Loans top-ups
- Extension to home-owners' mortgage payment holiday
- Cash grants of up to £3,000 per month for closed businesses
- Up to £500 million council funding to support local public health response
- Extending government-backed loan schemes and Future Fund to January



EXTRA MEASURES: UK Government Chancellor Rishi Sunak.

HELP PACKAGE 'IS A LIFELINE'



KELLY DUNN

The UK Government's new help package provides a "lifeline" according to an English recruitment firm's MD.

"It will certainly ease pressure as we head towards Christmas and into the new year," said KD Recruitment's Kelly Dunn, continuing to use Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

"These lifelines are vital to help businesses. Knowing a company's biggest outgoing (payroll) is paid by the government will allow businesses to focus on their plans for 2021 and how to bounce back better. These extensions will mean the difference between businesses closing for good or now being able to look to the future and surviving this pandemic."

EXTENSION 'TO PROTECT JOBS'

Owners of a Northern Ireland baby product manufacturer, already benefitting from the UK Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and grants, hailed the latest measures as "positive".

"More security for many until March," said Sinead Murphy, who owns Newtownards-based Shnuggle with husband Adam.

The firm furloughed five staff from a 16-strong team. "We took everything we could get our hands on really," continued Sinead.

"For those who have the means to survive until spring, this extension will give some peace of mind, meaning they can protect jobs and hopefully begin to rebuild their businesses in the near future."



SINEAD AND ADAM MURPHY

'RATES BREAK HUGE FOR US'



JULIE MACKENZIE

Scottish trampoline park bosses are jumping for joy at the UK Government's announcement of continued Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme support.

"The furlough scheme has been great," confirmed Julie Mackenzie, owner of Skyline Trampoline Park, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, "and the business rates break was huge for us."

She explained: "That is a £7,400 a month bill for us, which we won't pay till the end of January."

Also welcomed is VAT deferral payment plan spread until March. "I feel optimistic," added Julie, whose business reopened to enjoy an October half-term boost, and is now able to furlough six of 25 workers while offering other staff more work.

'WE WON'T LET ANYONE GO'

The continued Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme support has put a spring in the step of a Welsh sock manufacturers boasting VIP clientele.

"It will make a big difference because we are traditionally quieter in the spring.

"Getting this furlough money means we don't have to let anyone go," said Chris Jones, owner of Corgi luxury sock store, in Ammanford, South Wales.

"Otherwise we'd lose skills. We can't afford to lose anybody," continued the business boss whose skilled workforce numbers 60, and whose customers include Prince Charles and actor Daniel Radcliffe. Also applying for a Business Resilience Grant, he added: "I feel really positive."



CHRIS JONES

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Heartless vandalism

It is hard to understand what could motivate someone to destroy flowers placed on a grave.

Andrew and Cassie Brown were understandably devastated to discover that their father's grave had been desecrated and their mum, Sheena, was so distraught she couldn't visit her husband's grave until the vandalised flowers had been removed.

The fact Donald passed away on Boxing Day, with the fifth anniversary of his death approaching, makes it even more painful for the family.

Christmas must be a very hard time for the family since Donald's passing as it is without added stress and hurt.

If you know who is responsible, please contact the police on 101 as this behaviour is unacceptable. It may prevent other families having to go through similar heartbreak.

Inspirational children

This week, yet again, we are printing articles about Kintyre children going above and beyond to raise money for others.

Two-year-old Emelie Willis and nine-year-old Evan McConnachie have each raised more than £1,000 for two deserving charities - Emelie for the Poppy Appeal and Evan for neonatal care charity Bliss.

Not only does this show the children's own thoughtfulness but it demonstrates the incredible generosity of people in Kintyre. With Christmas approaching, and with many people furloughed or having been made redundant, there was still an incredible amount of support for Emelie and Evan's campaigns.

Celebrate Christmas with community advent calendars

There is still uncertainty about arrangements for Christmas 2020, but the communities of Southend and Carradale have decided to bring people together by making 'community advent calendars'.

Starting on December 1, different houses in each parish will decorate a window and reveal their window on a different day of the month. So there will be one window on December 1, two windows on December 2 and so on - and they should stay in place until Twelfth Night.

Everyone is invited to walk or drive around the parishes and spot the decorated windows. A guide will also be available in village shops.

In this way, we hope to brighten preparation for Christmas for everyone.

Reverend Christine Fulcher, South Kintyre Team Ministry.

Help to raise £300,000 for children this Christmas

More than 12,000 children are admitted to hospital every day in the UK and it has never been a scarier time for them.

With unfamiliar wards, health professionals in additional PPE, only being able to have one parent with them and no visits from their brothers or sisters during the pandemic, it can be worrying and lonely.

That is why play and distraction services in hospitals are more vital than ever. Having access to toys and entertainment, when recovering or waiting for treatment, or using play as a distraction for procedures can help to alleviate pain, aid recovery and bring joy back into children's lives.

At the children's charity Starlight, thanks to our supporters, we provide hospitals with boxes filled with toys, games and puzzles to be used on wards.

Our goal is to raise £300,000 before the end of the year in our Time to Play campaign to help 30,000 children get access to play in hospital and limit the negative effects of illness on their childhood.

It's easy to support and our website has fun ideas of how to take part, including our Stream for Starlight fundraiser for computer gamers.

Or, if you are able to, please consider making a one-off donation.

I'm hoping your readers will join together and help support Starlight to bring back joy into the lives of the 98,000 seriously ill children living in the UK this Christmas.

Please visit www.starlight.org.uk/time to help us. Thank you.

Cathy Gilman, Chief Executive Officer, Starlight Children's Foundation.

Online bullying of children

Every year thousands of children contact Childline about being bullied online and tell us they feel it is hard to escape from.

Lockdown has intensified these feelings for many and since April we've counselled more than 1,500 children and young people across the UK about online bullying.

Children have told us about people sending threatening or abusive messages and being pressured into engaging in sexual conversations. Others have shared that they've been excluded from online games by other children, while some spoke of online identities being stolen to embarrass or cause trouble while using their name.

Before lockdown measures were first introduced this year, the average monthly number of

counselling sessions with children about online bullying was 134. Between April and October that had increased by 70 per cent to a monthly average of 228.

This is worrying, particularly as we continue to adhere to strict social-distancing restrictions across Scotland and children continue to spend more time online.

Bullying can have a long-term impact on the mental wellbeing of a child and, as we mark Anti Bullying Week this month and beyond, it's important to ensure every child knows who they can turn to for support.

If a parent thinks their child is being bullied online, it can be hard to remain calm, but it's crucial not to overwhelm a child with questions. Taking their device away is likely to make them feel like whatever has happened is their fault. Instead, it's helpful to listen to their worries, suggest they take some time away from certain apps and provide them with reassurance.

Adeniya Alade, service head of Childline at NSPCC Scotland.

Devolution is under threat

Boris Johnson's comment that devolution has been 'a disaster north of the border' and 'Tony Blair's worst mistake' should hardly come as a surprise to anyone.

The Tories have never been great supporters of devolution, vehemently opposing the referendum in 1979 on establishing a Scottish Assembly and in 1997 on the Scottish Parliament.

Most recently the devolution power grab that is highlighted in the Internal Market Bill simply reinforces this stance.

The Scottish Social Attitudes survey (2019) on constitutional preference found that only seven per cent favour abolition of the Scottish Parliament and found that trust in the Scottish Government sits at four times that of the UK

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Government. This points to it hardly being a disaster.

For those accused of scaremongering that there is a threat to Holyrood, Mr Johnson's comments are clear vindication. The irony of all this being that devolution has given new life to the Scottish Conservatives after its wipe out in 1997 and it is now the opposition in the Scottish Parliament.

Be under no doubt that the Scottish Parliament, which was hard fought for, is under threat and we must do all in our power to defend it.

Alex Orr, Edinburgh.

Help to manage diabetes at Christmas

While this year Christmas is going to be different from usual for many of us, it is still a time for preparations and extra food. As a charity for people with type one and type two diabetes, we recognise it can be a difficult time for people with both types of diabetes, especially if it is their first Christmas with the condition.

We have just published our free December newsletter and also have two free booklets, Diabetes at Christmas, to help families who live with the condition, and Diabetes - Everyday Eating, which may also be useful. We are happy to send these out, free-of-charge, to any of your readers if they contact InDependent Diabetes Trust by emailing email.enquiries@iddtinternational.org or by calling 01604 622837.

Jenny Hirst, co-chairperson, InDependent Diabetes Trust.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's photograph is another cracking nature shot courtesy of Machrihanish Seabird Observatory warden Eddie Maguire. Eddie said: 'This very inquisitive juvenile European shag was peering in the window at the observatory on November 15.'

If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to editor@campbeltown-courier.co.uk or send it to us via the Courier's Facebook page.

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TEN YEARS AGO

Friday November 26 2010

Pride of Campbeltown: Junior Brass voted best in the land

Now the rest of Scotland knows what Campbeltown has known all along - Campbeltown Junior Brass is the best in the land.

For the second time this year, the youngsters made a long bus journey to represent the town at a competition. This time it was to Perth to compete in the novice section of the Scottish Youth Championships, arriving in Perth on Saturday for Sunday's competition.

And on Sunday, playing third out of 20 bands, they had to leave before the results were announced. So there was much cheering and celebrating on the West Coast Motors bus on the journey home when the news came through that they had done the town proud and won a gold award and first place.

This is an amazing feat for such a young and inexperienced band; the youngest member Erin McLellan celebrated her eighth birthday on Sunday and the oldest member was only 14.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday December 1 1995

No pledge on munitions dump

There are no immediate plans for a survey of underwater munitions dumps in the Clyde and North Channel areas.

Scientists from the marine research laboratory at Torry last week completed their survey of the area between the Beaufort's Dyke dump and the

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nearby site of British Gas pipe laying operations. The operation has been blamed for disturbing thousands of Second World War fire bombs which were washed up on beaches in Kintyre, Mid Argyll, Islay, Jura, Gigha, Arran, North Ayrshire and Northern Ireland.

But Scottish Office minister Raymond Robertson told MPs last week the evidence connecting the pipe laying with the firebombs was 'circumstantial'.

Mr Robertson refused to commit the government to carrying out any further sea bed surveys in the areas around other munitions dumping sites off the west coast of Scotland.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday 26 November 1970
Criomagan

Mr Donnie Ronaldson, of the Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend, was host to a number of hoteliers and restaurateurs at a display of micro-wave cooking by the Scottish AGH Vending Company of Dundee, the selling agent for Philips Microwave. Mr Robert Beveridge, the sales representative, gave a comprehensive demonstration on micro-wave cooking.

Common Market discussions

Mr George Middleton, chairman of the Herring Industry Board, revealed at a press conference last week that the board had been in touch with the Secretary of State for Scotland about the widespread alarm among fishermen about

possible Common Market entry. Mr Gordon Campbell replied: 'It is not possible to make anything like the final assessment of the likely effect until we know in detail the regulations the European Economic Community proposes to make in implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy and until our negotiations for entry have gone much further.'

Mr Middleton assured fishermen that the board existed to protect fishing interests and to fight any policies potentially harmful to the industry.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday November 27 1920

News from Islay - honouring Mr and Mrs Anderson, Carnain

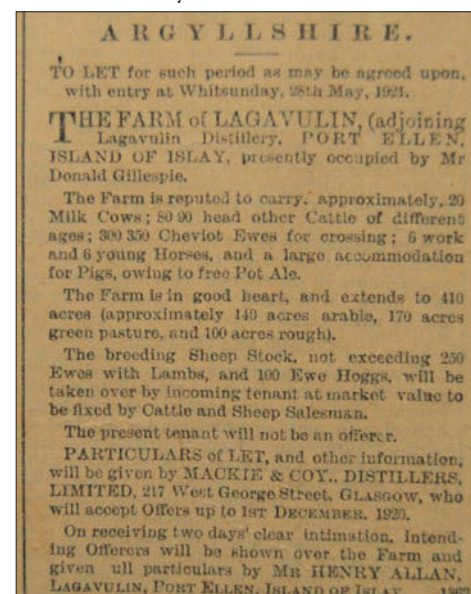
On the evening of Friday November 5, a concert was held in Newton School, the object of which was to give material expression in honour of Mr and Mrs Anderson, Carnain, who lost their two sons (all they had) in the Great War.

The concert was remarkably successful, people being present from almost all parts of Kilchoman as well as from Kilarrow and Kelmeny, and the accommodation was taxed to its utmost capacity.

Mr Cullen, Bridgend, in his own inimitable manner, occupied the chair and voiced the feelings of an enthusiastic audience in an excellent speech. He said they were gathered there that night to do honour to Mr Angus Anderson, an

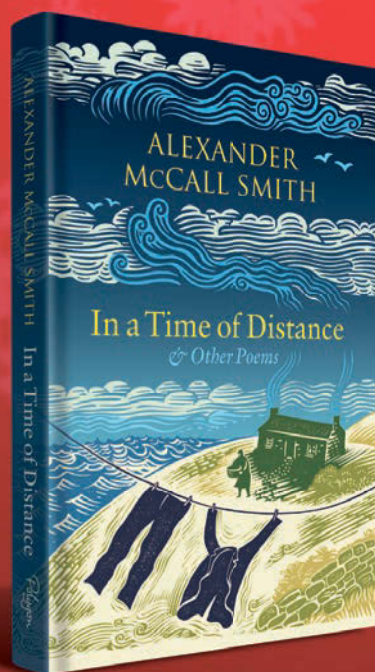
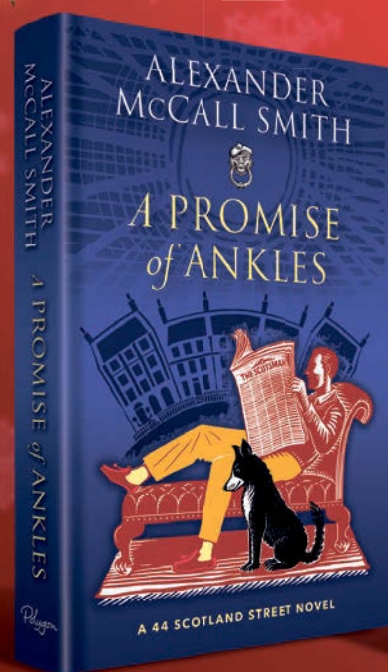
old soldier and the father of soldiers - of two sons who gave their lives for their King and Country. Mr Anderson joined the 2nd Argylls in 1884, just 30 years before the Great War broke out. He was, for five and a half years, orderly to Captain M'Neill of Colonsay, latterly Colonel M'Neill - the much-loved Commanding Officer of the 11th Argylls. Mr Anderson's two sons were buried in France - John at Maily Wood and James in an unknown soldier's grave.

The chairman announced the proceeds amounted to £19 9s 9d (£19.47) and this was augmented by a handsome cheque from Mr Morrison of Islay House.



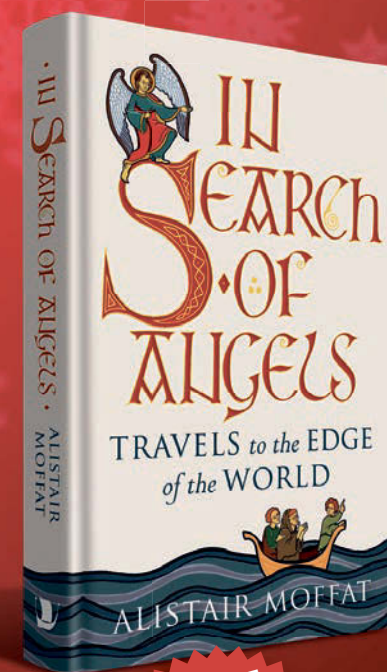
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A previously unpublished war diary

Gunner Neil MacLean's son shares his father's Second World War prisoner camp memories

The Courier continues to share more from the war diary written by Campbeltown soldier Gunner Neil MacLean after he became a prisoner of war following the 51st Highland Division's surrender at St Valéry-en-Caux during the Second World War.

The diary, and several photographs of Neil, during and after the war, were supplied by Neil's son Calum, who knew nothing of the diary until after his father's death.

This week continues on from September 1940:

September – 5th received a letter from home Connyglen. 7th – had photo taken. Received no pay up until now, so on the 8th received a loaf and knew our pay would be coming soon.

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On the 10th we received our first pay, 4.80 marks, and on the 11th, 3.80 marks.

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On September 16, we were moved out and went to a large camp Schubin, no reason given. On our arrival we received Red Cross Parcel (RCP) between three. Stayed here for three days.

Going out we received an RCP for each man. I received a new pair of boots and socks, which I badly needed. The boots were very poor but glad to get them.

At Wongowitz we had long hours, up at 5.30am, started work at 7am. One hour for dinner and finished at 6pm.

Arrived at Stretna after a good train journey. Cleaned

up the camp for a day or two then went to work making a new sports field. Received our second pay on September 25 - 7.70 marks.

The rations here were better.

Dinner soup, tea, one loaf between three, lard every night, jam every second night.

Working hours better, started at 8am and finished 5.30pm, one-and-a-half hours for dinner but worked all day on Saturday.

October - Letter to Jessie on October 8 and posted letter to Glebe Street.

The lice still bad but they are doing everything to get

rid of them. I, at present, am free from them. Worked away every day and here we were able to buy a lot of extras which did us good.

October 27, received our first pay here, 1.63 marks.

I was due more but they made a mistake.

November - On the 1st got an RCP each. Living very high at present. On Sunday we had dumplings made (not like home of course).

November 3, pay day, 7.35 marks. On the 10th we had our photos taken with the guards, not very good but they were taken off us. November 17th, pay day, 8.40 marks. November 24th, posted letter to Jessie.



Gunner Neil MacLean

26th RCP bulk, cheese, jam, meat, cigarettes.

December - Very cold and some snow. Not a very good month. 3rd, posted letter to Connyglen. 4th, pay day, 8.40 marks.

14th, my first letter from home Connyglen (very happy). 15th, posted letter to Jessie. 16th, Duncan McLachlan's 21st birthday so we had a small party for him. It turned out very good.

That day we were stopped working.

Frost into the ground and too hard for the picks. No more work this year, very cold and hard frost.

Christmas day we had three bottles of beer per man, so we had a toast to all the folks at home.

On Hogmanay we had a concert and dance, had a bottle of beer left since Christmas and brought in the New Year. Our thoughts were of home. Had a very good time under the circumstances.

1941 - Start of 1941 was very cold and we were not working.

Our time was taken up with mending in the morning, bridge in the afternoon and debates at night. On January 6, I had to take some clothes over to the hospital to be deloused. From the nurses we received cigarettes, bread, meat. Had a good time that night and breakfast next morning. A heavy fall of snow on the 8th and on the 9th, we were out snow shifting.

On the 16th, I received four letters from home, one from Jessie, my first from my dear Jessie. Pleased to know all well. January a very cold month, out now and again at the snow.

February - Just like January, at the snow now and again. Heard we were not getting paid for it, very disappointed.

A few boys were put to work at a sand pit, about seven miles going and coming, good exercise.

At the end of February I got a job making brooms for the town (good job).

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Fundraiser Emelie boosts Poppy Appeal by £1,104

Fundraising warrior Emelie Willis, aged just two-and-a-half, braved the cold last Thursday morning to hand over more than £1,000 she raised for this year's Poppy Appeal, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

She presented a cheque for £1,104.96 to Richard Cameron, Campbeltown's area convenor for Poppyscotland, at Campbeltown War Memorial.

The tot raised the money through her own 'soldier walk'.

Accompanied by her parents Chelsea and John and little brother George, she walked from her Campbeltown home to the war memorial, where she completed some laps of the monument with friends who had turned out to support her.

She carried out the challenge to help soldiers like her uncle, Highland Fusilier Lance Corporal Stuart Willis, who was recently deployed to



Emelie was presented with her own mini Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders pin and Northern Irish medal in honour of her grandpa Jackie's service in Northern Ireland. 50_c48emeliewillis03

Afghanistan, and her grandfather, Jackie Willis, of the Royal Irish Rangers, who died in April.

Before the cheque presentation, Richard presented Emelie with her own mini Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders pin, and Northern Irish medal



At the cheque presentation: Chelsea and John Willis with baby George, left, fundraising hero Emelie, centre, and Richard Cameron, Campbeltown's area convenor for Poppyscotland, right. 50_c48emeliewillis01

in honour of Jackie's service. Afterwards, the tot thanked Richard and said to him: 'At the going down of the sun

and in the morning, we will remember them.' Richard thanked Emelie for her contribution and added that, al-

though the final amount is yet to be revealed, this year's Poppy Appeal has raised more funds than ever before.

Emelie is already thinking about how she can help the Poppy Appeal's funds next year.



Emelie Willis says a few words to Richard Cameron, Campbeltown's area convenor for Poppyscotland. 50_c48emeliewillis02

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Rhunahaorine pupils remember lives lost in battles

Covid-19 restrictions meant they couldn't invite visitors to join them, but that did not stop pupils from Rhunahaorine Primary School and Early Learning Centre marking Remembrance Day.

Prior to the November 11 ceremony, children made a garden table for the outside service. The names of the soldiers recorded on Glenbarr War Memorial were written on red slips which were joined to make a paper chain, which was hung on the fence around the table.

Small wooden crosses bearing the names of children's family members lost in war were placed in the ground around the table. The nursery children made their own stick crosses with white wool symbolising peace and one with purple wool to remember the animals which were killed in battle.

Children volunteered to

take part in Bible and poetry readings and the nursery children joined pupils Lochlen and Cayden in the laying of the wreaths.

Logan read John chapter 15 verse 13: 'The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them.'

Austin read John chapter 14 verse 27: 'Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid.'

Craig then recited: 'They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old, age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.'

Kieran added: 'At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.'

Afterwards, everyone joined to say: 'We will remember them,' before a minute's silence. The Last Post bellowed

out from a loud speaker over the wind as staff and pupils stood poignantly with their heads bowed.

Everyone walked past the crosses before quietly returning to class.

School pupil Austin reads a verse, right, and nursery children at the ceremony, below.



Nursery children painted poppies, above, and children and staff bow their heads during the minute's silence, below.





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- 110g low-fat spread or butter
- Cold water, for mixing

For the filling:

- 16 level tbsp mincemeat
- 1 level tbsp icing sugar for dusting

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190°C/170°C Fan/Gas Mark 5. Lightly spray some bun trays with low calorie cooking spray.
2. Make the pastry. Sift the flour and salt into a mixing bowl. Add the fat, cut up into little pieces. Gently rub it in with your fingertips. Add sufficient cold water to mix to a ball that leaves the sides of the bowl clean. Rest in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.
3. Roll out the pastry thinly on a lightly floured surface. Cut out 32 rounds with a 7½cm fluted cutter. Use to line the prepared bun tins.
4. Divide the mincemeat between the pastry cases. Roll out the remaining pastry trimmings and make some little stars with a small star cutter. Use to decorate the tops of the tarts.
5. Bake in the preheated oven for about 15 minutes, until the pastry is crisp and lightly coloured. Cool on a wire rack and dust lightly with sifted icing sugar.

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Remembering Kintyre Round



Peter Morrison performing for an audience of 500 at a senior citizens' Christmas concert in the Victoria Hall.

Malcolm McFadyen, right, as chairman of Kintyre Round Table, presenting Joyce Gardiner with her chain of office as the first chairwoman of Kintyre Ladies Circle, the Round Table's sister group.

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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It is 50 years this month since Kintyre Round Table was founded and, despite disbanding almost 30 years ago, it left a lasting legacy, with its many fundraising activities still fondly remembered by many today.

Kintyre Round Table received its charter of affiliation to the National Association of Round Tables of Great Britain and Northern Ireland – a non-political, non-sectarian association open to men between the ages of 18 and 45 – on November 13 1970.

Over the years, the group raised and donated a considerable amount of money to charity by organising various activities including a donkey derby, bed push, soapbox derby, fireworks display, football match and golf competitions, It's a Knockout, log cutting, Burns supper, dinner dances, a car rally and treasure hunt, Santa's sleigh around Campbeltown and sponsored beard-growing competition.

Considerable funds have been raised through various activities

Its themed tartan, shipwreck, Hawaiian, oriental and rustlers balls in the Victoria Hall also proved popular.

In 1975, Kintyre Round Table brought one of Scotland's best known singers and television personalities to Campbeltown when Peter Morrison performed for an audience of 500 at a senior citizens' Christmas concert.

Another festive event, a children's sing-along with Santa at Rex Cinema, provided one of the group's most memorable moments.

One former member explained: 'After Santa had delivered all his presents, he was having a rest before travelling home to Lapland. He decided to light his pipe but unfortunately he also lit his beard which caused quite a panic.'

However, Santa was none-the-worse and still delivers presents today.'

The group's charitable giving not only benefited the Kintyre community but also a nine-year-old Nigerian girl called Cecilia Wanjurta, whose seven-year education and boarding at a special school for the deaf was sponsored by Kintyre Round Table.

Before attending the special school, Cecilia, who suffered from severe bilateral nerve deafness, attended a pre-primary school.

Thanks to Kintyre Round Table funding, she was able to receive education more suited to her age.

When they were not raising funds for others, Kintyre Round Table members enjoyed various outings including fishing trips with Cecil Finn

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Table endeavours 50 years on

and Robert Gillies, a trip to Arran, Rothesay and Jura, with Robert at the helm, several visits to Campbeltown Bowling Club, a clay pigeon shoot at Bellochantuy and a ten-pin bowling night at Machrihanish Airport.

Another memorable moment came during a jaunt to Jura in Robert's fishing boat, landing at Craighouse.

The food, barbecued on the pier, was supplied by one of the group's members, who was a butcher at the time and now runs a successful bar in Campbeltown.

At night, some Tablers slept on the boat with others sleeping in a tent.

'Unfortunately, someone - who shall remain nameless - forgot to supply tent poles with the tent,' the former member explained. 'However, the local distillery supplied sections of timber which we nailed together to support the tent!'

There are bound to be many more tales which could be told about Kintyre Round Table's more than 20 years of existence.



Above: Some Kintyre Round Table members in an undated photograph.



Above right: Donkeys being prepared for one of the races at the donkey derby which proved to be one of Kintyre Round Table's most successful fundraising events.



Right: A 1975 donkey derby organised by Kintyre Round Table drew a crowd of about 3,500 spectators.



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Our auction will run from 1st December until the 12th December. Bids can be placed by email (fionaglenbarr@aol.com) please make sure your email is acknowledged, or on our Facebook Page Messenger or by leaving your bid (with contact details) in the Kintyre Larder. Please see leaflets for more details.

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The 12 Days of Christmas Special Christmas Auction advertisement with a list of items, contact information, and a call to action.

Candle-maker unlocks 'scent-sational' growth with Business Gateway help

A bespoke candle-maker has been able to accelerate the growth of her business and take on new premises after Business Gateway helped her team secure funding through the Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme.

Founded in 2019 by Hazel MacCormick, Lismore Luminations is a business based on the Isle of Lismore that designs and manufactures soy candles and ancillary products with unique scents inspired by the magnificent scenery surrounding the island.

Business Gateway worked with Hazel after she experienced increased demand for her products. As well as providing support from a business adviser, they were able to point her to funding opportunities and help her access a growth grant from the Local Growth Accelerator Programme.



Hazel MacCormick of Lismore Luminations, left, and a selection of Lismore Luminations' products, right.

The Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme is funded by Argyll and Bute Council and the European Regional Development Fund 2014-20 Structural Funds Programme.

Using this grant, Hazel expanded production from her kitchen to larger premises, with the aim of providing further employment opportunities on the island long term. Hazel said: 'Before working

with Business Gateway, I would never have imagined I could turn my hobby into a growing business. With its support, I have been able to access funding, expand into new premises and create a suc-

cessful brand that I hope will bring jobs to the community in the future.'

Through Business Gateway, Hazel was also able to access one-to-one support, advice on her business plan and marketing support to help identify potential markets for her business to target which helped expand her customer base across mainland Scotland and the UK. She also engaged with DigitalBoost, Scotland's national digital training programme, delivered by Business Gateway.

The combination of funding and business support services has resulted in the development and creation of new candle scents and products.

Hazel added: 'When the pandemic hit I had to adapt my business as I was no longer able to attend markets or sell in shops. With the support of Business Gateway I have developed my online sales via

my website. The one-to-one support has been invaluable to help navigate social network marketing.'

Angela Vernel, business adviser for Business Gateway, said: 'The Argyll and Bute Local Growth Accelerator Programme has been highly effective in helping the growth of Lismore Luminations and it's fantastic to see how Hazel has had the confidence to build her brand, develop new products and expand.'

'We know that throughout this pandemic, people have been taking time to evaluate what they want to do with their careers. Hazel's story shows it's possible to take your hobby and make it into a thriving business, especially if you reach out and access the range of support available.'

For more information please visit www.bgateway.com or contact the local team on 01546 808363.

Demand for business growth support continues despite pressures

Argyll and Bute Council is encouraging businesses in its area with growth ambitions to make the most of its Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme, which will continue until the end of 2021, backed by European funding.

Despite the impact of Covid-19 restrictions, a number of businesses across Argyll and Bute have continued to take advantage of the support on offer, with 26 grants worth more than £136,000 awarded since March 2020.

Although the Covid-19 pandemic has had a negative impact on many sectors, some businesses have kept their growth plans on track and others have adapted their business model to keep growing in

a different way. The Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme gives growing local businesses the chance to access specialist advice and grant funding to help them expand.

Worth £855,239, the programme is funded by Argyll and Bute Council and the European Regional Development Fund under the 2014-2020 Structural Funds Programmes. The grant funding can cover 50 per cent of costs, up to £5,000 for projects linked to business growth, and up to £1,500 to support training, accreditation or attendance at trade fairs linked to growth.

Councillor Alastair Redman, policy lead for business, regeneration and commercial

development, said: 'Despite enormous pressure, it is encouraging to see many businesses adapt to this global pandemic and refocus their growth ambitions. Successful businesses are key to our local economy and the support on offer from this programme can help them move forward.'

To access support, businesses must first register for the programme.

Anyone wanting to discuss their eligibility should visit www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/bglgap or talk to a Business Gateway adviser on 01546 604555. A Business Gateway adviser will work with businesses registered for the programme to develop a growth plan and access relevant support.

The Covid-19 restrictions and impact on the economy has created challenges for many businesses, forcing them to adapt previous plans and explore new ways to keep their business sustainable.

In response to this the council has secured agreement from the Scottish Government to add recovery support to the growth support on offer within the programme, and details of this will be announced soon.

Business Gateway also provides webinars, access to both local business advisers and subject experts, information, guides and signposting of funding opportunities to help anyone looking to help their business start, survive or grow.

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Support for businesses affected by temporary restrictions to slow the spread of Covid-19

Businesses required to either close by law as a result of Covid-19 restrictions, or required by law to modify operations, could be entitled to a grant from the recently launched Strategic Framework Business Fund.

There are two types of business grant available. The Temporary Closure Grant can provide £2,000 or £3,000, depending on rateable value, for businesses required to close by law.

The Restrictions Grant can provide £1,400 or £2,100, depending on rateable

value, for businesses that remain open but are specifically required by protective measures to modify their operations.

For businesses based or headquartered within Argyll and Bute, these grants are administered on behalf of the Scottish Government by Argyll and Bute Council.

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Luining in-calf heifers average almost £2,000

Cadzow Bros, Isle of Luing held their second annual production sale at Oban, conducted by United Auctions on Saturday November 14.

Although averages for all types of females was back on last year's inaugural sale, as expected, a brisk trade saw the lots disperse widely across the UK, despite the restrictions in place for buyers.

Rising two-year-old purebred heifers in calf to a variety of Luining genetics, due in spring 2021, were keenly sought after averaging a pleasing £1,936 for 39 sold. The top priced in-calf heifer (two years old) reached £2,730 and was purchased by I McKie, of Northumberland for his Lanton herd.

Over half of these in-calf females traded for more than £2,000, with the majority going to pedigree homes.

Similarly, four rising three-year-old heifers, all in-calf to different bulls, and also due next spring, averaged £1,523 and sold to a top of £1,680 to R McCarlie Ltd. Bulling heifers were a steady trade, averaging £1,326 for 16 sold to a top of £1,470 to Mark Thomson of John Lawrie Tillyrie Ltd.

Isle of Luining bulls have been the foundation of many Luining herds throughout the UK and that history was evident.

Neil McGowan of Incheoch went to £6,300 to secure Luining Yanis, a Lochbroom Talisker son out of an Ardlarach female, also the top priced bull on offer.

Messrs Atkinson pushed hard and got Luining Yankee at £5,775, also a Talisker son, while HM Jarret got their pick, Luining Yanick for £5,250.

These well bred bulls sold well to average £4,380 for seven sold,



Luining Ardlarach y58 female sold for 1,400gns, which is to be donated to the My Name's Doddie Foundation Photograph: Kevin McGlynn

an increase of £128 on the year.

Cows with autumn calves at foot were also in demand, selling to a top of £2,100 to Blarghour Farm, and averaging £1,208 for eight sold.

Mixed age cows, back in calf to the Luining, were a stickier trade,

averaging £1,103 for 10, with a top of £1,890 to AJ Lambie.

Lot 52 was sold for 1,400 gns in aid of My Name's Doddie Foundation, and was purchased by society chairman Mark Thomson for his Tillyrie herd at Kinross. This roan bulling heifer



Top price male Luining Yanis sold for 6,000gns. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn

er was by Luining Wyvis and out of an Ardlarach female which is a daughter of Luining Lad.

Averages and top prices:

Bulling Heifers (17): average £1,322; top price, £1,470.


Bulls (7): average £4,380; top price, £6,300.

Cows with Calves at Foot (8): average £1,208; top price, £2,100.

In Calf Heifers (39): average, £1,936; top price, £2,730.

In Calf Heifers (3yr) (4): average, £1,733; top price, £2,100.

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ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Ltd has now submitted additional information to Scottish Ministers comprising information relating to cultural heritage. Details of other correspondence with key stakeholders for the purposes of clarifying matters within the application documents is also included for completeness but does not form part of this consultation.

The additional information can be viewed on the application website at https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/sheirdrim_renewable_energy_development.aspx or at www.energyconsents.scot.

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20/01962/PP	Renewal of planning permission reference 17/02749/PP - Erection of dwellinghouse	Land South East Of Faight, Clachan, Argyll And Bute
20/01940/PP	Change of use of land to form helipad, installation of wind stock mast and upgrading works to existing access	Land South Of Campbeltown Hospital, Limecraigs Road, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent, that special time of waiting.

As Christians, we wait to celebrate again the birth of Christ and to hear once again that often told story of a baby and a manger.

We have heard it many times, yet it never loses its charm.

However, this Christmas will be dramatically different from any Christmas we have ever had. Usually we look forward to the Christmas lights and decorations brightening up the dark winter nights and bringing hope and cheer.

This year, we wait and wonder. We wonder what level our area will be in, we wonder what level our family and friends will be in, we wonder if we will be able to see them or have them in our homes or go to their homes.

We wonder. We watch the news and hope restrictions will be eased, but we are afraid of that too, as this could lead to the virus spreading. So we wait and watch and wonder – a bit like the shepherds of old, gathered on the hillside, waiting and watching and wondering.

It has been a tough few months and for many it has been a gruelling and harrowing few months.

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ISLAY AND JURA

Electricity network upgrade complete for islanders

A £1 million project to ensure a robust and resilient power supply to the islands of Islay and Jura is now complete.

Working with principal contractor PLPC, Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) has completed upgrade work to refurbish the existing overhead network on Jura, which also serves as the main circuit powering Islay and has been delivering power to the islands for around 60 years.

The £1 million investment saw the replacement of essential equipment on the overhead circuit from Lagg towards Islay, which is exposed to salt erosion from coastal air, enhancing the security of supply to the community.

SSEN's teams started work in Jura in October 2019 but had to temporarily pause works to replace the submarine electricity distribution cable connecting the island to mainland Scotland.

Ross Fenton, head of SSEN's South Caledonia region, said: 'This project forms part of a long-term investment plan to provide a safe, secure and reliable supply of electricity to homes and businesses on Islay and Jura.'

'We're pleased to complete this initial investment and would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their patience as we progressed these essential works to deliver a more robust electricity network and improve the service we provide to our customers on the islands.'

As part of its north of Scotland resilience plan, SSEN has committed to improve the quality of supply to homes and businesses in areas experiencing more than three power cuts per year, with the latest investments proposed in Islay and Jura.

In addition to the completed work in Jura, SSEN is proposing to install an additional wooden pole overhead line circuit between Port Askaig and Port Ellen, alongside upgrades to the main substations in Islay, to further strengthen



Jura's electricity network.

the resilience of the network powering homes and businesses on the islands.

TARBERT

Workers' caravans approved

Plans to site 40 caravans for workers on an overhead line project at Tarbert have been given the go-ahead by planning chiefs.

Building contractor Balfour Beatty submitted an application to temporarily install the site at West Loch Shores Holiday Park.

The staff, who will be based in the caravans, will be working on the Inveraray to Crossaig overhead line project organised by Southern and Scottish Energy Networks. Plans to secure accommodation for them had been put on ice due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Council planning officers have now allowed the plans to proceed after they received no objections from members of the public.

In a statement to the council, reproduced in a handling report, a spokesperson for Balfour Beatty said: 'The proposal involves self-con-

tained sleeper units which have sleeping, living, cooking, washing and toilet facilities which will house Balfour Beatty staff for the duration of the project.'

The spokesperson revealed Balfour Beatty had found it 'very difficult to find accommodation' in the area for 'approximately 80 people' coming to Argyll to work on the project, adding that the company met with 'strong opposition from locals' when it previously explored the option of developing areas of land near Whitehouse and Furnace.

A council planning officer added in the report: 'This proposal is aimed at keeping residents safe from the potential impact of Covid and to facilitate the works.'

'In this instance, the proposal relates to essential infrastructure and will have the added benefit of potentially protecting communities from Covid-19.'

'Although it is accepted workers will need to access shops and petrol stations, measures are in place to ensure staff and other users are protected with face coverings, hand sanitizer and social distancing.'

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STEWART - Inserted in loving memory of my dear grandmother, Agnes Mitchell McMillan, who died November 29, 1978. A heart of gold stopped beating Two willing hands lie still The one who did so much for me Is resting at God's will. Remembering not just today but every day. - Johnnie.

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£8 million cycling fund opens for applications

The Scottish Government and sportscotland are calling on clubs and community organisations in Argyll and Bute to submit proposals for an £8 million fund to improve cycling facilities across the country.

The national Cycling Facilities Fund will capitalise on the upsurge of interest in cycling by developing a network of accessible, inclusive and inspiring facilities that encourage people of all ages to ride bikes.

It will also deliver a tangible benefit which is part of the wider policy objectives driving the forthcoming 2023 Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) Cycling World Championships, which will take place in Glasgow and Scotland.

The fund, which is open to clubs, education estab-

lishments, local authorities or leisure trusts, charitable organisations, community sport hubs and community organisations, has been made possible through a £4 million commitment of capital funding from the Scottish Government and £4 million of National Lottery funding from sportscotland.

This significant investment in infrastructure will be delivered over the next two years through a partnership between Scottish Cycling and sportscotland.

Culture Secretary Fiona Hyslop said: 'The projects backed by this fund will inspire more people to get on their bikes, bringing benefits to people across Scotland as an enjoyable leisure activity and an efficient way to improve their health. We want to build on the incredible growth

in cycling this year and see even more people choosing to travel to school or work on two wheels.

'Our overall aim is for Scotland to become one of Europe's top cycling nations. The Scottish Government's commitment to working with the UCI to host the first multi-world championships for cycling at one time in one country is a game-changing opportunity for cycling in Scotland.'

The ambition is for the Cycling Facilities Fund to provide accessible community and club facilities that inspire new and existing cyclists to make cycling a sport for life.

Stewart Harris, chief executive of sportscotland, said: 'Thanks to this new fund, we have a unique opportunity to harness the growing interest in cycling and to promote

health and wellbeing, taking a significant step towards our vision of an active Scotland where everyone sees sport as a way of life.

'Accessible community facilities across Scotland will help us achieve this vision and are only possible thanks to the continued support of a range of partners including the Scottish Government, Scottish Cycling, the National Lottery and of course National Lottery players.'

Working closely with Scottish Cycling, sportscotland has developed clear guidance to identify priorities to ensure projects can make a lasting impact. Projects can bid for awards up to £100,000 for smaller 'inspire' projects and up to £500,000 for club and hub projects.

The three key objectives for the fund are to:

- Inspire the nation to cycle by developing accessible, inclusive and inspiring facilities;
- Grow and develop club and community cycling through multi-discipline hubs with safe coaching and skills development areas; and
- To develop the events infrastructure by building or upgrading facilities capable of hosting local and regional events.

Craig Burn, chief executive of Scottish Cycling, said: 'Dedicated cycling facilities



provide safe, traffic-free environments for any cyclist of any ability to participate, train, compete and – most importantly – have fun whilst riding a bike.

'The fund will provide a catalyst to inspire the nation to participate in cycling and give children and adults the opportunity to improve their skills, confidence and ultimately bring about behavioural change and wider health

benefits.' More information on the fund is available on the sportscotland website at www.sportscotland.org.uk/funding/cycling-facilities-fund/



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