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Councillor calls for report on 'crumbling' primary

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A local councillor has voiced his intention to increase the pressure on Argyll and Bute Council to produce a structural and condition report on Dalintober Primary School.

Senior pupils returned to their classrooms last week having been moved to Campbeltown Grammar following a ceiling collapse at the primary school at the end of January.

More than 10 classrooms in the oldest part of the 19th century school had to be evacuated as a 'precautionary measure', while 'further checks were carried out' to ensure the ceiling was secure in other areas.

A council spokesperson said this week: 'Repair works at Dalintober have been carried out, allowing pupils to return to their own classes after the February holidays.'

'A condition survey will be done as part of our scheduled programme. We would like to thank parents and staff for their understanding

during this time, and also our contractor, McKinven and Colville, for their response and input.'

Councillor Donald Kelly is demanding that the report is presented to Argyll and Bute Council as a matter of urgency and that building a new primary school should also be looked into as a serious option. It is his intention to take a motion to the next Area Committee on March 4 requesting the committee ask the Director of Education to present the council with a full and detailed report.

New primary

'Since the recent serious incident I have had numerous parents contacting me regarding the school,' he told us. 'Many of them feel that the council should be again looking at possible options for a new primary.'

'I have also spoken to a number of people who are better placed than me regarding the overall condition of the school and what is likely to be required to be done to keep it wind and watertight in the future.'



A total of five cancer charities have received a share of a whopping £30,031.72 raised by Callum Semple who was inspired to raise the money after receiving his own terminal cancer diagnosis last year. Hundreds of people joined the father of five for his fundraising fun day at Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) in October last year. Callum returned to MACC with Davie MacPherson to present representatives from four out of five of the charities with their cheques, handing over the cheque for Maggie's Centres to a representative in Glasgow beforehand. Read the full story on pages 10 and 11.

'Given the ever reducing revenue budget it might make common sense to consider a new Campbeltown Primary.'

'Failing that, however, a structural and condition report would go a long way to providing parents with the reassurance that the school

is safe. This would also give the council an opportunity to review possible options going forward.'

'The report does not need to be in isolation and could be included in some other education brief.'

'It is my intention to in-

crease the pressure on them.'

Councillor Kelly's outburst stems from the dismissal of his comments at a council meeting last year that the building was 'crumbling'.

'If the council had taken my concerns seriously more than seven months ago when I first

raised this issue, we might not be in this position,' he said.

He has also written to the director of education, Douglas Hendry, requesting that a full structural survey is carried out on the school and is reported to the council as a matter of urgency.

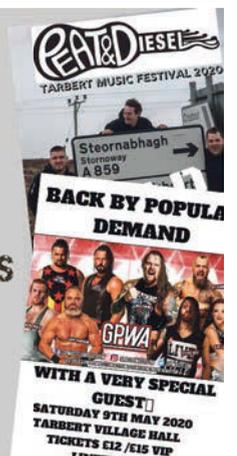
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Tricksters' double strike

Police are urging Campbeltown residents to be suspicious of calls allegedly from their bank after a local man was persuaded to transfer a large sum of money to a 'safe' account via his internet banking.

The man initially received a call from the fraudsters who said that there was an issue with his account and someone had withdrawn a large amount of money. He was suspicious of the call and put the phone down but then decided to call his bank to check that there were no issues, and that's when the fraudsters struck again.

A police spokesman said: 'It appears the caller has kept the line open so when the man called, he actually got straight through to the fraudsters and a woman answered and persuaded him to transfer a large sum of money.'

Police would like to remind everyone not to trust such calls regarding possible bank frauds. Don't give out personal information over the phone and always check that calls like these are genuine by calling your bank yourself.

Always make sure you hear a clear dialling tone before calling your bank in case a fraudulent caller has kept the line open and you end up calling them again.

Another suggestion is to call a friend first to confirm the call is not answered by the fraudulent caller.

Parents urged to apply for School Age Payment

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Eligible families are being encouraged to apply for the School Age Payment before applications close on February 29.

The one-off £250 payment is currently open to families with a child born between March 1, 2014, and February 28, 2015. It can be used for anything from educational toys to travel, or after-school activities.

Parents who have deferred their child's entry to school from August 2019 to August 2020, or those home schooling, should still apply before the closing date. If an application is made after this time, it will be too late.

The payment is part of the Best Start Grant, a package of three payments for families in receipt of eligible benefits – including Universal Credit, Income Support, Housing Benefit and



The payment is part of the Best Start Grant, a package of three payments for families in receipt of eligible benefits, to help at key stages in a child's life.
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tax credits – to help at key stages in a child's life.

Social Security Secretary Shirley Anne Somerville said: 'We've had great take up for

the School Age Payment since it launched last June with almost 20,000 applications in the three months between June and September.

'We want to reach as many people as possible so are using this campaign to raise further awareness of the School Age Payment to encourage eligible families who have not applied, to get their applications in before the end of this month.'

'Covering the costs of a child starting school can put pressure on family finances. The School Age Payment is there for those who need financial support at this key milestone in their child's life. Making sure that everyone gets the financial support they are entitled to is a clear example

of how we are doing things differently putting dignity, fairness and respect at the heart of our new service.'

Lori Dobie, from Fife, applied for the School Age Payment when her daughter started school. She said: 'The application only took five to 10 minutes, it was pretty straightforward.'

'I was quite relieved when I found out I was getting the money. It takes the pressure off being a single parent and trying to run a household and get your child ready for school.'

'Having the extra money towards her stuff for school was a massive help.'

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POLICE FILES

■ On the A83, near Bellochantuy, about 11.10pm on Thursday February 13, a motorist was stopped for allegedly exceeding the speed limit. The driver, a 30-year-old man, was charged and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

■ The same day a similar offence took place on the A83, near Glenbarr. The driver, a man, 54, was charged and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

■ A 22-year-old man was issued with a Recorded Police Warning for urinating in a public place at around 1.30am on Saturday February 15, in Cross Street, Campbeltown.

■ Between 11am on Tuesday

February 4, and 10.20am on Tuesday February 11, a shed at Glenegedale, on Islay, was broken into and a SGS portable petrol generator was stolen.

■ About 8.30pm on Sunday February 9, a man, 38, stole food items from Tesco, Paterson Street, Lochgilphead. Police subsequently traced the man, charged him with the theft and issued him with a Recorded Police Warning.

■ On Friday last week, in Campbell Street, Lochgilphead, a man, 47, was arrested for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner. In relation to the same incident, a woman, 39, was also arrested for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner and assault.

The woman then allegedly struggled with police, resisted arrest and assaulted police officers. Both were charged and a report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

■ A 29-year-old man was stopped and searched by police and found in possession cannabis on Friday February 14, in Paterson Street, Lochgilphead. He was charged and issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

■ If any member of the public has information in relation to the above, or to any incident, they can contact their local Police Station on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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	Morning Safe Walking Times			Afternoon Safe Walking Times		
	Low Tide	From	Til	Low Tide	From	Til
Sat, 1 Feb 2020	09:45	06:45	12:15			
Sun, 2 Feb 2020	10:34	07:34	13:04			
Mon, 3 Feb 2020	11:33	08:33	14:03			
Tue, 4 Feb 2020				12:44	09:44	15:14
Wed, 5 Feb 2020				14:00	11:00	16:30
Thu, 6 Feb 2020				15:04	12:04	17:34
Fri, 7 Feb 2020				15:55	12:55	18:25
Sat, 8 Feb 2020				16:40	13:40	19:10
Sun, 9 Feb 2020				17:22	14:22	19:52
Mon, 10 Feb 2020				18:06	15:06	20:36
Tue, 11 Feb 2020						
Wed, 12 Feb 2020	07:18	04:18	09:48			
Thu, 13 Feb 2020	08:05	05:05	10:35			
Fri, 14 Feb 2020	08:54	05:54	11:24			
Sat, 15 Feb 2020	09:46	06:46	12:16			
Sun, 16 Feb 2020	10:46	07:46	13:16			
Mon, 17 Feb 2020	11:59	08:59	14:29			
Tue, 18 Feb 2020				13:20	10:20	15:50
Wed, 19 Feb 2020				14:30	11:30	17:00
Thu, 20 Feb 2020				15:27	12:27	17:57
Fri, 21 Feb 2020				16:15	13:15	18:45
Sat, 22 Feb 2020				16:57	13:57	19:27
Sun, 23 Feb 2020				17:33	14:33	20:03
Mon, 24 Feb 2020				18:06	15:06	20:36
Tue, 25 Feb 2020				18:36	15:36	21:06
Wed, 26 Feb 2020	06:45	03:45	09:15			
Thu, 27 Feb 2020	07:15	04:15	09:45			
Fri, 28 Feb 2020	07:48	04:48	10:18			
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Consultation on dementia services set for March

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A public consultation on Argyll and Bute dementia services is to be held in early March – little more than a fortnight before health chiefs meet to decide the fate of Knapdale dementia ward in Mid Argyll Hospital.

The group governing health and social care in the region, Argyll and Bute Integration Joint Board (IJB), met on January 29 amid protests over plans to shut the ward and move to an entirely community-based dementia care model.

At the meeting, board members agreed the new dementia care model should be put out to consultation. Three weeks later, no consultation has begun, yet a decision will be made at the board's March 25 meeting.

Asked about the timescale



for the consultation, IJB chair Kieron Green replied: 'Since the IJB decision in January, officers have been organising the consultation.'

'There are planned to be a number of events across Argyll and Bute, including in Lochgilphead. These will give people the opportunity to comment on proposals for the redesign of dementia ser-

vices which will encompass the future of Knapdale Ward. 'We are currently looking for dates early in March for a meeting in Lochgilphead.'

Health managers have stated internal consultation has been carried out on the plans, but this is disputed by front-line nursing and medical staff at Mid Argyll Hospital who claim they have

Campaigners make their views known ahead of January's IJB meeting.

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not been asked for their views on the revised dementia model. Trade union UNISON supports staff in promoting an alternative vision of care – known as Option Four – including an upgrade of Knapdale Ward to support an enhanced community care team.

Public representative on the IJB, Betty Rhodick, emailed fellow board members earlier this week saying she was 'very disappointed that as yet the full consultation on the proposed redesign of dementia services has yet to occur'

Lost in transmission – televisions may need to be retuned

Freeview viewers in Campbeltown and Blackwaterfoot, Arran, may need to retune their TV equipment next week as their local transmitters are being updated.

By retuning on Wednesday March 4, viewers will be able to continue watching some channels which have had to be relocated owing to the future development of new mobile broadband services.

All transmitters in the UK are being updated region by region as part of a major engineering programme being carried out between now and half-way through the year.

The required changes will begin at the Campbeltown and Blackwaterfoot transmitters around 9am and Freeview channels will be subject to disruption until early afternoon. Anyone receiving their signal from these transmitters who finds

they are missing channels after this can retune. Satellite and cable TV are not affected.

Around 3,200 homes are served by the affected transmitters. Freeview will be running an information campaign to prepare people for the change, including advertising and on-screen messages.

Retuning should be straightforward and some TV equipment will retune automatically. Some older aerials may need to be replaced to continue receiving all channels. Viewers may be eligible for free in-home support, including aerial work if needed.

Anyone who needs advice, or who finds they are still missing services after retuning, can visit the Freeview website at www.freeview.co.uk/tvchanges or contact the Freeview advice line free on 0808 100 0288.

Overspend up for discussion ahead of budget meeting

More than half a million pounds has been overspent by Argyll and Bute Council in redundancy packages, a report has revealed.

The authority is also in danger of facing a further £172,000 bill for a possible VAT misdeclaration, along with £200,000 of unachievable procurement savings.

A report for the meeting of the council's policy and resources committee on Thursday February 20 stated that its projected overspend for 2019/20 is nearly £2.5 million – an increase of £400,000 since the committee's last meeting in December.

The report said: 'The main overspend is in relation to social work, where there is a forecast overspend of £1.310m due to a combination of forecast slippage on the delivery of agreed savings and also a high demand for services.'

'Within the remit of executive director Kirsty Flanagan, there is a forecast overspend of £0.349m. There are



Kirsty Flanagan.

overspends resulting from a loss of income in public conveniences, loss of car parking income, loss of planning income, additional cost for street lighting consultant, additional glass collection costs and increased costs of essential repairs on vehicles.

'These are offset by additional income from decriminalised parking enforcement and a planned underspend on roads maintenance.'

'Within the remit of executive director Douglas Hendry,

there is an underspend of £0.191m resulting from an insurance saving on NPDO (non-profit distributing organisation) schools.

'Within central budgets there is an overspend of £0.876m in relation to exit packages (£0.504m), unachievable procurement savings (£0.200m) and a potential VAT misdeclaration (£0.172m).'

The report also states that the council currently has a year to date underspend of over £1.8m, and gives more detail on the social work overspend.

That figure, established by the integration joint board (IJB) of the area's health and social care partnership, has gradually decreased from £2.3m in June to £1.3m in December.

Argyll and Bute Council's 2020/21 budget plans were discussed at the same meeting, and the full council will meet to finalise the budget on Thursday February 27.



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Gigha Community Fund makes first funding awards

A community fund, launched in November 2019 has awarded its first round of funding to three island projects.

The Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust has awarded an initial £1,273 to projects that benefit the residents of Gigha and help support a thriving and healthy community on the island.

An application to support children's story, song and rhyme sessions has been awarded £330. The project will encourage families and children in the Gigha community to spend time together and support the delivery of language, learning and social skills.

A sum of £273 has been awarded to Shopper Aide to support Gigha residents in attending the fortnightly Soup Group meetings in Tayinloan. The project supports social inclusion for Gigha residents as well as the

opportunity to create stronger community links.

Finally, £670 has been awarded to support Active School sessions on the island. The project aims to create opportunities for children and young people to gain access to a range of different sporting activities that are currently unavailable out-with school time on the island. The project further supports the development of local skills to ensure the long-term sustainability of this project.

Keith Wilson, member of the fund board said: 'We are so pleased to be able to support these three really crucial projects for our island. They will help both young and old people on Gigha - with lunch visits to the mainland, story sessions for our youngest residents and helping develop new sporting and coaching skills. It's a great start to the fund and we look forward to



Keith Wilson, of Gigha Community Fund Board, awarding Mari Sheriff, of Gigha Primary and Pre-5 Unit Parent Council, £670 for their Active Schools project.

more applications over the coming months. Do get in touch with the trust office if you have any ideas for projects that will benefit Gigha and we can talk you through the application forms and process.'

The fund board has set another deadline of June 22 to submit an application for the next round of funding. To find out more about how to apply to the Gigha Community Fund, or to access an application form and guidance notes, visit www.gigha.org.uk

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Help tear down the barriers disabled women face

The First Minister's National Advisory Council on Women and Girls is calling on people to get involved in the national conversation on tackling gender inequality.

The call has gone out to join the movement and lend a voice in the latest discussion - which is about disability.

The group welcomes everyone within Argyll and Bute to bring real experiences and new voices to help shape recommendations to the First Minister. Areas the council wish to examine include independent living, access to services and information, and participation in society.

The advisory council was formed in 2017 to play a leading role in raising gender inequality in Scotland. It aims to bring people together and every two months focuses on a new issue. Until the end of February this is the barriers faced by disabled women.

Submit your feedback online at onescotland.org/NACWG. Alternatively, share your thoughts on social media using the hashtag #GenerationEqual.

Louise Macdonald OBE, who chairs the advisory committee said: 'Disabled women



Louise Macdonald OBE, chairwoman of The NACWG.

are often faced with double discrimination because of their gender which adds further challenges to their day-to-day lives.

'We encourage people across Argyll and Bute to share their views and experience, whether they themselves, or someone they know, is affected by these issues.'

'Every opinion we gather contributes to shaping our recommendations to the First Minister, so we want

and need to hear from as wide a range of people as possible.'

Over the course of 2019, the Advisory Council consulted everyone across the country, including businesses and third sector organisations in order to gather the evidence.

The NACWG 2019 report and recommendations can be found at: <https://onescotland.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/NACWG-2019-Report-and-Recommendations.pdf>

Islanders unite in bid to save swimming facility

The communities of Islay and Jura have gathered 872 signatures on a petition in an attempt to stop Argyll and Bute Council withdrawing the funding for educational schools swimming.

The annual payment made to Islay and Jura Community Enterprises (trading as the Mactaggart Leisure Centre) enabling primary and high school pupils to benefit from swimming lessons is on the list of 2020-21 potential budget cuts to be decided by Argyll and Bute councillors at the next full council meeting on Thursday February 27 at Kilmory.

Highlighting the crucial function of the island facility, Gary Scott CEO of Islay and Jura Community Enterprises, commented: 'Islay and Jura are islands with many lochs in which children play and fish during the summer time. 'Parents are worried about

their children not being able to swim as the island has experienced drowning incidents in the past.

'The local communities wanted a swimming pool to teach children to swim and they worked tirelessly over 11 years to raise £1m themselves to build the Mactaggart Leisure Centre and swimming pool.

'Since 1991 over 3,000 children and young people have learned to swim and developed lifesaving skills.

'Most children leaving primary school now can swim a minimum of 25 metres unaided, some of whom go on to join the Islay Dolphins Swim Club.

'Parents now worry much less when their children go to the beach or out in a boat. This is due to the provision of schools swimming by Argyll and Bute Council.

Contributing to the Water

Safety Scotland Scotland's Drowning Prevention Strategy 2018-26 Iain Mackinnon, environmental health manager for Argyll and Bute Council, stated: 'Argyll and Bute has a very long coastline and hundreds of rivers, lochs and reservoirs.

'A coherent and achievable water safety policy is essential in the drive to reduce deaths by drowning.'

Mr Scott added: 'It is for these reasons that 872 people have registered their disapproval of Argyll and Bute Council's potential cuts to schools swimming.

'This is a lifesaving skill which must be protected to ensure the children of Islay and Jura are safe.

'The people of Islay and Jura request all councillors vote to retain this most vital service and make these island communities a safer place for children to grow up.'



The Mactaggart Leisure Centre on Islay is under threat if the council withdraw their funding.

Funding cuts to services cause concern for Third Sector

The Third Sector's vital role in providing health and social care services for vulnerable people in Argyll and Bute is under threat because of a funding crisis within the local Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP).

A £11.9 million budget shortfall has been identified in the official, ongoing HSCP consultation but cuts in expenditure are creating the most worrying time ever experienced by the Third Sector.

The warning comes from Kirsteen Murray, chief executive of the Third Sector Interface (TSI) in Argyll and Bute, who said: 'Many Third Sector organisations involved in providing this vital support don't even know if they will be funded at all from April 1 onwards. It is a real cause for concern.'

'Others feel that after many years of standstill funding, or funding not keeping pace with demand, their organisations will simply no longer be viable unless something radically changes.'

'As April 1 rapidly approaches, this is a deeply worrying time for the Third Sector and dedicated staff.'



Kirsteen Murray, chief executive of the Third Sector Interface (TSI) in Argyll and Bute.

Ms Murray said there was an urgent need for HSCP to declare what services were going to continue in 2020/21

and to issue a very firm commitment to fully fund the services it wants to continue offering vulnerable people in Argyll and Bute in the year ahead.

Before Christmas, HSCP providers received a letter explaining that the partnership did face considerable challenges in balancing its budget for the year 2020/21.

The letter was explicit, stating: 'This means that tough decisions may have to be made about even the most valued services.'

Ms Murray added: 'Severe cuts will affect the level of service the provider organisations can offer to the people relying on them and in some cases could mean that Third Sector organisations have to cease operations.'

'Given the dire state of HSCP finances, the Third Sector urgently needs a clear picture of what its role is going to be. In the next financial year.'

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School survey needs to be carried out ASAP

It was good to hear that senior pupils from Dalintober Primary School were able to move back to their own classrooms after the mid-term break, having been relocated to Campbeltown Grammar following a ceiling collapse at the end of January.

However, due to more than 10 classrooms in the oldest part of the 19th-century school being evacuated as a 'precautionary measure' following the incident, it's now no surprise that Councillor Donald Kelly is planning to increase the pressure on Argyll and Bute Council to produce a structural and condition report on the primary school as a matter of urgency.

This was a serious issue and many parents are still understandably concerned for their children's safety.

The council has said that a condition survey will be done as part of its scheduled programme, but unless that is imminent, that is not good enough. Surely a survey should be done as soon as possible to ensure there are no other weaknesses in the fabric of the building that might endanger children and staff?

This should not have to wait for a motion to go to the area committee on March 4. It should be actioned now.

Being British

Sir,
As inhabitants of the British Isles, we are all British with some degree of shared history and culture. But what is it about Britishness that is holding some of us back from seeking a better future for our country?

Is it the nostalgic British looking back to 'the good old days' when world maps showed large areas painted pink and 'Britannia ruled the waves', the last days of a declining empire? That empire that was built largely on slavery and oppression and the arrogant colonialism that so often left havoc in its wake.

Or maybe it is the deference to the British establishment with all its pomp and ceremony. A facade masking an ultra rich, privileged elite which feeds off a populace where many struggle to make ends meet in a very unequal society.

Or could it be the Britishness of the 'Mother of Parliaments' with its archaic voting system that has delivered a far right, populist, elected dictatorship? We have a prime minister whose 'puppet master', Cummings, is pulling the strings, aided and abetted by Farage and his hereditary peers and a large number of failed politicians and their cronies, with a few judges and bishops thrown in for 'good' measure. If that is the best we can aspire to, we really are down the rabbit hole in Alice's wonderland.

How much better to have a wider vision of a better, brighter future for our nation, which most of our children and grandchildren now seek. One where we can build a fairer, greener and more prosperous nation, with Scottish

inventiveness and ingenuity, and our wealth of resources used to deliver prosperity for all our citizens. An independent Scotland able to play a full part in the family of nations, along with our European neighbours and the rest of the world, working to build a safer, greener and more just and peaceful world. Surely that is a better goal to strive for.

Let Scotland flourish.

Cecilia Rees, Lochgilhead.

A83 landslide

Sir,
Have the lunatics taken over the asylum?

In agreeing with everything Blair Fletcher says in his letter published in the February 7 edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser, I'm sure that he and our dear departed friend 'Big D', had he survived, will be thrilled to learn that our movers and shakers have decided to proceed with HS2, at £106 billion and to give consideration to building a bridge to Northern Ireland at God knows what cost.

These projects are, of course, in addition to those highlighted by Blair.

With so many other basic infrastructure priorities, these proposals really do beggar belief.

Jim Moran, Lochgilhead.

CNN should engage with salmon farming industry

Sir,
It was saddening to read that the Coastal Communities Network refused an invitation

to attend a meeting about the salmon industry's sustainable future, but not unexpected. Most critics of salmon farming have their own narrative that they want to stick to and are unwilling to engage in discussions that might undermine this narrative. CNN say that they will only meet the industry if it is to discuss how it can be moved to closed containment.

CCN say that closed containment farms are commercially viable. However, there is not one single farm in the world that is yet producing harvest-size salmon on a commercial basis in closed containment. This is because there are still so many problems to overcome, some of which may never be resolved. Closed containment works well for very small fish, which is why some of these critics think it is an easy step to move to the production of larger fish. Perhaps, if they took the time to speak to people from the industry, they may start to understand why closed containment is not the solution that they think.

CNN and other environmental groups continue to make out that salmon farming has trashed the west coast in terms of the health of the sea. If all the salmon pens in Scotland were put together, they would take up the space of two 18-hole golf courses. This tiny area is spread over 250 sites between Shetland and Argyll. To put the area into context, the Isle of Arran has seven golf courses. It is difficult to understand how such a small area can be responsible for trashing the whole west coast.

If CNN were willing to engage with the salmon farming industry with an open mind, they might be better placed to comment on

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whether closed containment is realistic or not. Unfortunately, they are too busy making a scapegoat out of the salmon farming industry to accept any invitation to talk.

Dr Martin Jaffa, Callander McDowell.

EU border checks

Sir,

It is odd to note that according to senior cabinet minister Michael Gove, goods coming to the UK from the EU next year will face border checks.

I describe this as odd as, during the election campaign, Prime Minister Johnson had promised 'there won't be checks' for goods crossing the Irish sea and claimed a leaked Treasury document about checks on the Northern Ireland border was 'wrong'.

In his speech, however, Michael Gove has now confirmed that import controls on EU goods at the border will be imposed after the transition period ends on December 31 and said border checks would apply to 'almost everybody'.

Yet another sad example where telling the truth, even by a prime minister, is totally irrelevant in a world of spin and fake news.

Alex Orr, Edinburgh.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Campbeltown resident Bob Goodman took this gorgeous photograph of a seal pup soaking up some rare sunshine on the Kintyre coastline. The positioning of the baby seal allowed Bob the opportunity to get Davaar Island in the background. He said: 'It's one of my favourite pictures taken in Kintyre.' It's one of ours too. **If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk, send it via the Courier's Facebook page or bring it into the Courier office to be copied.**

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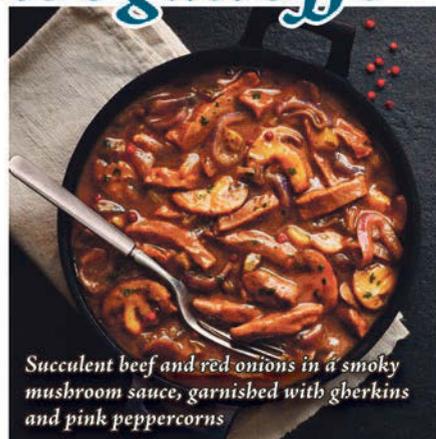
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2. Spray a deep, non-stick frying pan with low-calorie cooking spray and place over a high heat. Add the mushrooms and red onion and fry for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

3. Add the steak and stir-fry for a further 5 minutes, then add the gherkins, peppercorns and sauce. Bring to a simmer and cook for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir through the quark. Season to taste and serve with your favourite Speed vegetables.

Ingredients

- Low-calorie cooking spray
 - 300g mushrooms, sliced
 - 1 red onion, sliced
 - 600g lean sirloin steak, visible fat removed, thinly sliced
 - 60g small gherkins, finely chopped
 - 2 tsp pink peppercorns
 - 100g plain quark
- For the sauce:
- 1 large onion, roughly chopped
 - ½ x 400g can cannellini beans, drained
 - 150g cauliflower, cut into small florets
 - ½ tbsp Marmite + 1 beef stock cube
 - 2 large garlic cloves, peeled
 - 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce + ½ tsp paprika



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TEN YEARS AGO

Friday February 19, 2010

Classroom in the farmyard

A group of Campbeltown Grammar School pupils has swapped the classroom for the farmyard and learning skills that can be taken directly into the workplace.

Through the school and Argyll College they are taking part in a rural skills course (Intermediate 1). This enables them to gain experience of a wide range of land-based activities, equestrian, dairy farming, forestry, fishing and conservation.

Each week they have been donning overalls and boots and heading to Rhoin Farm under the watchful eye and encouragement of Matthew and Catherine Ralston.

Ron Wilson of the enterprise and vocation department at the Grammar School said: 'The pupils learn about estate maintenance; general handyman tasks such as plumbing and fencing repairs along with animal husbandry where they gain experience of the handling and welfare of animals.'

They take these skills back into the classroom to complete another unit of the course where they research different land-based industries. A number of the students want to pursue farm careers and others want to go into agriculture-based industries.

William Crossan, rector at Campbeltown Grammar School, teaching staff and parents alike have all been impressed with the results. Mr Crossan said: 'This course is an extremely valuable addition to the curriculum offered



in Campbeltown Grammar School. Our students find it interesting, relevant and highly motivating and I have been impressed with their commitment and enthusiasm.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday February 24, 1995

Kintyre's nerve gas war secret

The Ministry of Defence is strenuously denying claims that deadly German nerve gas from the Second World War was dumped off the west coast of Kintyre and Islay.

Northern Irish Councillor Mr Oliver

McMullen claims that deadly chemical weapons and other munitions were dumped outside the areas approved by the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

Mr McMullen says he has eyewitness accounts that the dumping did not go as well as the MoD claim. Much of the dumping was done by vessels sailing from Cairnryan through the Irish Channel into the Atlantic to dump their deadly cargoes in thousands of feet of water.

But Mr McMullen claims that some of the ships jettisoned part of their loads early because of rough weather and others may actually have been scuttled outside the authorised zones off the coast of Northern Ireland and Scotland.

As part of 'Operation Sandcastle' more than 140,000 tonnes of nerve gas made by the Germans during the Second World War was dumped at sea by the British between 1955 and 1956.

At least three specially converted ships sailed from Cairnryan carrying around 60,000 tonnes of nerve gas for secret sites in the Atlantic where they were scuttled.

The MoD has admitted that some chemical weapons were dumped in the Beaufort Dyke, which runs along the bottom of the Irish Channel.

Mr McMullen, a member of Moyle District Council, got involved in investigating munitions dumping because of the number of flares and other pieces of military equipment that were being washed up on the Antrim coast.

Mr McMullen said: 'The time has come for the Ministry of Defence to say where this stuff has been dumped and carry out tests to see what kind of condition it is in now.'

'I have very good sources who say the stuff was dumped closer to the shore than the MoD will admit.'

A spokesman for MoD said that the German nerve gas was dumped efficiently and safely under government supervision.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday February 19, 1970

Local stern trawler is launched

The first vessel to be built by Britain's newest shipyard, Campbeltown Shipyard Limited, and the first steel boat to be built in the Highlands and Islands, was launched yesterday.

A 50ft stern trawler, it is owned by Mr Janes MacDonald of Campbeltown, whose wife, Elizabeth, named it Crimson Arrow. It is Mr MacDonald's first trawler and is powered by a Dorman diesel engine developing 142 s.h.p. at w1,800 r.p.m.

The students from left: Sean Middleton, Lynsay Anderson, Graeme McKillop, Lewis Nelson, Rory Edwards, Fraser MacPhail, Daniel Ferguson and John Pirie.

The party of invited guests included Provost Daniel McKinven and Mr John Rollo, deputy chairman of the H.I.D.B. The gallery overlooking the floor of the yard was opened to the public. Mrs James MacDonald, the wife of the owner named and launched the vessel.

Provost Daniel McKinven, of Campbeltown, said that the launching was a big event for the town: 'By providing jobs and training, the yard has given a number of men who would otherwise have left Campbeltown, the chance to stay. The launching is a climax to years of hope and will be a great incentive for the town.'

Mr John Rollo, deputy chairman of the Highland Board and member responsible for industry, said: 'Campbeltown Shipyard must be one of the most modern yards in Britain and considerably strengthens the Highlands and Islands shipbuilding industry. We are expecting great things from the yard and hope that the Crimson Arrow will be the first of many vessels built for a British market.'

The overall length of the vessel is 50 ft. Her breadth is 16 ft. and her depth 8 ft. 3 ins. The main engine is a Kelvin Dorman Model 6 LEM.

ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday February 21, 1920

Final decision in housing scheme

A special meeting of the Town Council of Campbeltown was held on Monday night in the Council Room. Provost Colvill presided, and the other members present were Bailie Campbell, Dean of Guild McArthur, Councillors McGrory, Wareham, Rome, Hutcheon, J. Smith, D. Robertson, D. Fisher, W. Reid and D. Smith.

A minute of the meeting of the special committee of the Town Council appointed to formulate a housing scheme for the burgh; held on 9th February, was read.

The minute bore that in terms of the remit made to them by the last meeting of the council, the committee took into re-consideration the question of the site for the erection of the houses proposed under the scheme, and after full discussion of the matter, and having obtained further information from Mr Clifford, who was also present, Hon. Treasurer Stewart moved and Bailie Maceachran seconded that the committee recommended to the Town Council that for the first instalment of houses to be erected the council concentrate on a site at the Castleacres, comprising the ground presently used as a playground in connection with the Grammar School, part of the adjoining field used as a washing green, the eastern portion of the field known as the Showfield and a portion of the field lying to the south thereof, the whole forming approximately a rectangular piece of ground, and containing about five acres or thereby. There being no amendment this was unanimously agreed to.

Mr John Smith, Convener of the Housing Committee, said it was with very great reluctance indeed that he rose to move approval of this minute.

Their action in allowing the minute to pass was not to be taken as indicating that they approved of the site from a public health point of view. They were no more convinced now than they were when they carried the Askomil site in committee that it was not the better site from a public health point of view.



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The 1953 school photograph supplied by Jim McRobert.

1950s children

The Courier's Down Memory Lane regularly features old school photographs but often without much information.

This week's photograph, sent in by Jim McRobert, shows children starting school in 1953 and comes with a list of names.

Jim has noted the following people as being in the photograph: Mrs Smith, Gordon Michay, Elizabeth McLeary, Diane Monro, Jim McRobert, Joseph Thomson, Archie Smith, Ian MacPhail, Margaret Edgar, Dan MacKeirnan, Gordon McLeary, Margaret Galbraith, Elizabeth

MacCallum, Christine Reid, Christine Cameron, Elsbeth MacGeachy, Jean McKiernan, Angus Brodie, Jack MacGeachy, Duncan MacArthur and Dennis Connor or O'Connor.

He has added that the following are possibly also in the photograph: John Strain, Ishbel Marshal, James Hall, Toby Dickson, John McQuilken, Johnny Finn, Janet Anderson, Katrina Robertson and Martin Longmuir.

Jim also shared a story which he believes explains how Campbeltown came to be known as 'the Wee Toon'.

He explained that in the

1950s and 1960s a commercial traveller known as Big Jimmy visited the area.

'He must have been about six foot eight inches tall - and he drove a Mini, believe it or not!' Jim said. 'His wife worked for Beaverbrooks in Glasgow and, as well as the commercial goods he usually sold, Big Jimmy took some of the jewellery from the shop in which his wife worked and he sold that too.'

'He called Campbeltown "the wee toon with the big pockets" and I think that's where that phrase came from. Before that, they called it "the toon at the end of the world".'



The pupils of Dalintober Primary School who made perfect attendances during the 1912 to 1913 session.

Model pupils

On the subject of school photographs, here is an inspiring group of students.

This photograph shows the pupils of Dalintober

Primary School who made perfect attendances during the 1912 to 1913 session.

While there are undoubtedly times when absences

cannot be avoided, it is impressive to see 63 young scholars who never missed a day at school more than 100 years ago.

Alluring artwork

This watercolour painting, sent into the Courier by Alasdair McPhee, is something of a mystery.

It shows an avenue leading to a building which is now the Carradale Hotel and, until recently, the bakery and shop opposite Airds Cottages.

Mr McPhee, whose grandfather Alasdair

McDougall and uncle Jim McDougall were former owners of the hotel, does not know the author of the painting or the year in which it was painted.

If anyone has any information about the artwork, please let us know by emailing editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk or by phoning 01586 554646.



The painting in question, supplied by Alasdair McPhee.

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Callum's big charity day raises more than £30,000



Matthew Ralston and Margaret Sinclair, centre, of the Mairi Semple Cancer Fund accepting a cheque from Davie MacPherson, left, and Callum Semple, right. KC_c08callumsemple01

A representative from Maggie's Centres, left, receives a cheque from Callum Semple, centre, and his son Callum, right.

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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The total amount raised at Callum Semple's charity fundraiser has finally been announced – and it is the outstanding sum of £30,031.72.

The money has been donated to the following charities: £15,000 to the Beatson Cancer Charity, a specialised cancer care centre based in Glasgow; £3,757.93 to Maggie's Centres, drop-in centres across the UK for anyone affected by cancer; £3,757.93 to the Mairi Semple Cancer Fund, a Kintyre charity for cancer relief and research; £3,757.93 to Macmillan Cancer Support, one of the UK's largest charities providing specialist health care, information and financial support to people affected by cancer; and £3,757.93 to Marie Curie, which provides care and support to people with terminal illnesses as well as their families.

Callum was inspired to raise the money after receiving his own terminal cancer diagnosis last year.

He described the support he receives from the Beatson and Maggie's Centres as 'absolutely tremendous', adding that he also wanted to

contribute to Kintyre's Mairi Semple Cancer Fund, and the local branches of Macmillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie as they do so much for the community.

With the help of a committee comprising Davie MacPherson, Graeme Harvey, Fiona Irvine, Chrissie Angus, Mairi Hope and Davina Holyoake, Callum organised a full day event at Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) in October.

'We would like to thank everyone for their support'

Hundreds of people attended the fundraiser which featured a tug-o-war, a bouncy castle, a lucky squares board, a tombola, a grand raffle, a whisky auction, a variety of live music and – Callum's highlight – a bed race.

'It was absolutely brilliant, a great laugh,' he said. 'The work and effort that everybody put into their beds was unbelievable, especially the Mairi Semple Cancer Fund bed. It was a double divan decorated as Snow White and the Seven Dwarves; it was exceptional.'

Callum, who has five children, was joined by all his family at the event, as well as people from further afield.

'My son [Callum] and daughter-in-law came over from Dublin,' he said, 'and one of my other sons, Iain, flew back from Australia especially for it, so my whole family was there. There were also people there from Orkney and Shetland, all over Scotland, as well as a few from England.'

Callum returned to MACC with Davie MacPherson recently to present representatives from four out of five of the charities with their cheques, handing over the cheque for Maggie's Centres to a representative in Glasgow beforehand.

He said: 'We would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming support and generosity in raising this amount of money.'

'There are hundreds of helpers, sponsors, stall-holders, businesses and individuals who made the day such a success – too many to mention.'

'A big thank you to all the organisations who entered the bed race with so many unique designs and decor, and to the bands for playing at the event.'

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Callum Semple, right, and Davie MacPherson present a cheque to Ruth McGougan and Joanne Graham from Kintyre's Marie Curie committee. KC_c08callumsemple02



Natasha Graham, centre, accepts a cheque from Davie MacPherson, left, and Callum Semple, right, on behalf of the Kintyre committee of Macmillan Cancer Support.



Davie MacPherson, left, and Callum Semple, right, present a representative from the Beatson Cancer Charity with a cheque for £15,000.

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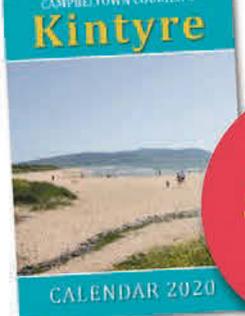
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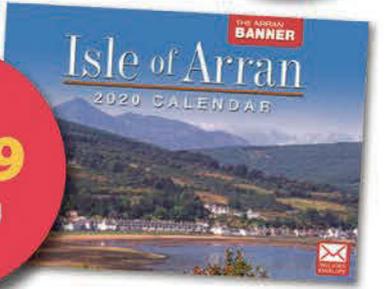
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A sail down memory lane

by Fiona Scott
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South Kintyre Development Trust's (SKDT) Top Skippers' Choice exhibition was launched in style on Saturday at Campbeltown Town Hall.

The exhibition marks the 50th anniversary of the launch of the Crimson Arrow CN 30, the first boat completed at Campbeltown Shipyard, for local skipper James McDonald, and celebrates this and almost 100 other vessels which went down the slipway between 1970 and 1997.

The vast majority of these vessels were fishing boats, many of which are still in use today.

The exhibition includes interpretive boards, along with slideshows, films and shipyard memorabilia.

James's daughter-in-law Jan was at the launch and said: 'The project and exhibi-



tion are a fantastic record of all those associated with the yard and its boats.

'It's important to keep the history of fishing and shipyards alive for future generations. James would

have been proud to know this is being recognised 50 years down the line.'

The exhibition was launched with music from pipers Catriona Newman and Erin Cameron, from

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, a speech from former shipyard manager Les Howarth OBE, with the venue covered in bunting created for the occasion by pupils of Castlehill and Dalintober Primary

From left: David Tod, Anstruther (far left), Sandy McLeman and family, Black Isle, (centre), Sandy's father, John, was the skipper of the Campbeltown-built Heather Bloom, Les Howarth, former managing director at the Shipyard and Paul Barham, volunteer (far right).

Photograph: Jan Nimmo.

Schools, all aimed at recreating the atmosphere of a launch day at Trench Point.

The refreshments for the launch were provided by Glen Scotia Distillery and by Les and Sheena Howarth.

The opening day was attended by skippers from Fife, Fraserburgh and the Black Isle, and reunited skippers with shipyard workers from Campbeltown.

The exhibition was well attended throughout the weekend and visitors included former owner of

Campbeltown Shipyard, Sir William Lithgow and his wife, Lady Lithgow. Weekend visitors were able to see a 50-year-old model built by skipper David Tod, of Anstruther, of the yard's second completed boat, the St Adrian KY 245, alongside a larger working model of the same boat which the skipper has just completed.

Jan Nimmo, who devised, designed and delivered the project for SKDT, commented: 'Top Skippers' Choice started as a project about Campbeltown Shipyard and its place in the history of the town because I strongly felt the need to preserve this piece of local heritage. However, from the outset it became apparent that the boats built at the yard had a significance which extended far beyond Campbeltown.'

'The project has grown arms and legs as contributors and volunteers have become involved across the length



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Back row from left: John Brown and Ian McCallum. Front: Willie Paterson and Rab Wilson.



Rab Wilson (left) and Gordon Wilson.



Hamish and Morag McMillan.



From left: Billy (Cully) Galbraith, Kenny McMillan and Jan Nimmo.



From left: Davie Anderson, Jane and Willie Paterson and their daughter Linda Robertson.



From left: Danny McGeachy, Ronnie McNally and Billy (Cully) Galbraith.



From left: Les and Sheena Howarth and Ada McLennan.

and breadth of Scotland and beyond.

'I am extremely grateful to all the contributors and volunteers for helping make the project such a success.'

The exhibition is just a snapshot of all the material gathered in the course of the project and which now forms the online archive which remains open for people from Campbeltown and beyond to share memories and informa-

tion about the shipyard.

Bobby Wylie, CAD operator and designer, Campbeltown Shipyard, said: 'I would like to offer my congratulations and sincere thanks to Jan and SKDT for a marvellous exhibition.'

'The project also has a Facebook page with over 1,000 likes and followers.'

'It was wonderful to see the many exhibits and photographs - which immediately

brought back many happy memories of working at the yard with a dedicated team whose skills can be seen in the vessels built.'

The project has been funded by the Lottery Heritage Fund Scotland. SKDT also received funding from the Campbeltown Common Good Fund (Argyll and Bute Council) for additional display boards for exhibitions at Campbeltown Town Hall.



From above left, Bobby Wylie and Danny McGeachy; David Tod with models of his boat, St Adrian, the first one ordered from the Yard; and pipers Catrina Newman (left) and Erin Cameron.





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Pods provide short-term airport housing solution

by Fiona Scott
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Plans for temporary staff accommodation to be situated at an island airport have been approved by council chiefs.

Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd has been given the go-ahead by Argyll and Bute Council to build two pods at Islay Airport.

A handling report by a council planning officer said the proposed pods were not sustainable on a permanent basis, but that permission for them to be used temporarily should be granted.

The planning officer said: 'The proposed housing pods, each with a floorspace of 21 square metres, containing a 2m square bedroom, are not deemed to be sustainable as a permanent housing solution, and would therefore not be encouraged under policy.'

'Similarly, the proposal does



Islay Airport.

not match any of the defined criteria and a case requires to be made for exceptions under policy.

'The island has a housing shortage as identified in the most recent Housing Need and Demand Assessment and the Strategic Housing Investment Plan, with there

being 12 cases of extreme need in Bowmore, Bridgend and Port Ellen.

'This proposal may not address this issue. However, without solutions to the housing demands of workers around Machrie and the airport, any new build on the island is likely to be seen as a

solution for workers' housing by businesses, with a 'nil sum' outcome for those on waiting lists.

'The potential new development sites identified in the Islay Strategic Housing Overview are proposals at this stage and cannot be given weight as medium-term solu-

tions within this planning context.

'Proposed developments at Bruichladdich and Port Charlotte are designed to include affordable house for the existing assessed needs, and not for accommodation related to the airport or golf course.

'Temporary accommodation within the area would lend itself as a solution for itinerant workers' accommodations, allowing permanent housing projects to address the continued shortfall for permanent/indigenous residents and workers, and therefore consideration will be given to this proposal as a temporary solution.

'The proposal will assist in the immediate short-term delivery of housing for itinerant workers at the airport.

'Sufficient evidence has been submitted to support the concerns of the airport and their difficulty in recruiting staff who are not already resident on the island.'

The report added that the accommodation pods were a flat-roofed rectangle, with all windows and doors facing away from the road and the car park.



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Small breweries could be at risk from Deposit Return Scheme

Highlands and Islands MSP Donald Cameron has warned the Scottish Government that its proposed Deposit Return Scheme, which is due to be introduced in 2021, must not put small breweries at risk by imposing unfair extra costs.

Mr Cameron said: 'In principle, I support measures to reduce waste, and re-using bottles is an excellent way of doing that.'

'However, it is crucial that any scheme doesn't unfairly put our smaller breweries at risk due to them bearing disproportionately high costs compared to larger companies in the Central Belt.'

'One of the success stories of the Highlands and Islands has been the establishment of a fantastic range of local craft breweries in recent years, such as Fyne Ales and Islay Ales to name just a couple.'

'However, setting up a small business can be very demanding and we shouldn't add to that by introducing more costs and bureaucracy, especially if such businesses don't benefit from the economies of scale of larger concerns.'

'Many breweries in the Highlands and Islands also have to bear the extra cost

of getting their goods to market using an increasingly stretched transport infrastructure.'

Mr Cameron revealed that he has been contacted by industry representatives and has written to the Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, Roseanna Cunningham, expressing his concern and demanding assurances.

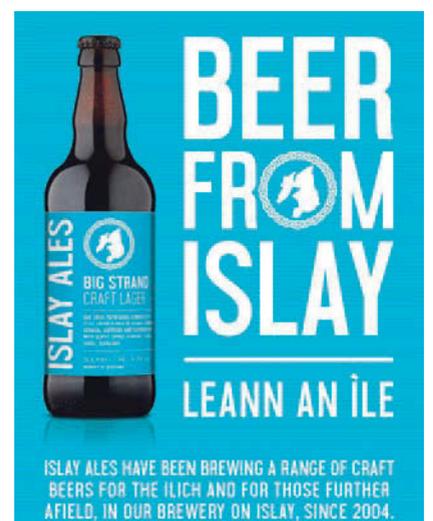
'I want to see clear evidence from the minister that this scheme has been properly thought through and its

implications for producers in the Highlands and Islands have been addressed,' he added.

'We desperately need to encourage entrepreneurs to set up new businesses in our region and it is vital that we do not count the cost of this scheme in lost jobs and missed opportunities.'

In his letter to Roseanna Cunningham, Mr Cameron stressed the potential cost implications of new administration costs, producer fees and the possibility of new labelling requirements.

Small breweries like Islay Ales could be at risk with the government's Deposit Return Scheme.



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The 2020 awards were launched at a fundraising dinner in Eusebi Deli, Glasgow, in support of the Andrew Fairlie Scholarship.

Last year, Giovanna Eusebi was presented with the bar, café, restaurant of the year award. She said: 'This is a real celebration of the best female talent in the hospitality industry and a wonderful way to help put women in this important sector on the map.'

All entries for the 2020 awards must be in by March 9 and the event, supported by HIT Scotland, Royal Bank of Scotland, Scotland Can Do and Women in Tourism, takes place on May 1 at the Waldorf Astoria in Edinburgh.

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Residents have say on council budget

Cutting the number of councillors, ending the use of Gaelic or bilingual signs, and running a lottery are among the actions suggested by residents to help Argyll and Bute Council balance its finances.

The ideas were among a total of 1,399 responses received by the authority to a consultation on its budget, run from October to December.

More than 2,300 comments were given by the residents who responded, who included community councils, school parent councils and youth forums.

A report compiled on the findings of the consultation also found that the proposed savings options which received the highest number of objections included pupil support assistants, public conveniences, psychological services and school crossing patrols.

No figures were given for how many objections each



received. The findings of the report were due to be debated by the council's policy and resources committee yesterday (February 20) as part of its budgeting pack.

All four of the options which attracted the highest level of opposition will be considered by the committee at this week's meeting.

The document, by interim executive director Kirsty Flanagan, states: 'This year's consultation asked people to tell us about their priorities

for the work of Argyll and Bute Council, and their views on a number of savings options.

'It was promoted in a variety of ways, from social media and website links, to email, in council customer service points, and via the Citizens' Panel.

'People could give views on the council's website, in printed copies available in libraries and council offices, through our Youth Services, and via our Citizens' Panel.

Ending the use of bilingual road signs was among suggestions. 20_c08_BilingualRoadSign

'We received in total 1,399 responses from residents aged 11 to 75+ across Argyll and Bute, and from community councils, community groups, school Parent Councils and Youth Forums.'

As well as a reduction in councillors, senior and middle management staff, and stopping Gaelic and bilingual signs, a number of other possible savings were put forward by residents, including cutting travel and expenses, making better use of video conferencing, and reducing the number of primary schools and transport to those schools.

A reduction in the level of services delivered across a wide range of areas was also mentioned, and a lottery was one of the possible new sources of income suggested.

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The Isuzu D-Max emerged victorious, beating strong competition from rivals in a highly contested sector.

Judges were impressed by the economy and refinement of the innovative 164 PS turbo diesel engine, that provides impressive performance and builds upon the Isuzu D-Max's reliable workhorse character.

With a 3.5 tonne towing capacity and over 1.1 tonne payload, the Isuzu D-Max was also praised for providing a quieter, more economical driving experience. The 1.9L turbo diesel engine meets Euro 6 standards without

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The award-winning Isuzu D-Max, has won WhatVan? Pick-up of the Year for 2020 (3rd year running). The

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This award is given to the best performing model of each class in the European New Car Assessment Programme (Euro NCAP) 2019 safety performance test and marks the second time that Subaru has received this prestigious safety recognition.

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Euro NCAP commented in the official crash test report: "In both the frontal and side barrier tests, protection of all critical body areas was good for both dummies and the Forester scored maximum points in this part of

the assessment. The front passenger airbag is automatically disabled when a rearward-facing child restraint is put in that seating position. Tests showed that the system worked robustly and the system was rewarded. All of the restraint types for which the Forester is designed could be properly installed and accommodated in the car." In addition to Child Occupant Protection, the Forester also performed the best score ever for Subaru in the Adult Occupant Protection.

Its superior crash safety performance has been achieved thanks to the Subaru Global Platform, a cutting-edge re-design of the body and chassis that has increased body strength by 40% compared to the outgoing Forester and allows the frame structure to absorb more energy in the event of a collision.

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The All-New Clio has triumphed in the latest UK Car of the Year Awards 2020, winning the 'Best Supermini' title.

The UK Car of the Year Awards judges were quick to praise the attributes of All-New Clio. Alex Grant, UK Car of the Year judge, said: "The fifth-generation of Renault's best-seller has matured into a product capable of rivalling premium-brand models. All of the Clio's signature agility is retained, now paired with the best cabin in this segment, advanced connectivity

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Judge Nargess Banks, commented: "It's one thing to make great premium cars for those who can afford them, but there is much more genius in distilling good engineering and thoughtful design to a car for the masses. The new Clio delivers enough style without trying too hard."

Commenting on the win, Vincent Tourette, Managing Director, Groupe Renault

UK said: "The All-New Clio is at the very heart of our brand and we're very pleased it has picked up yet another important award – All-New Clio is a model that sets new supermini standards with a revolutionary interior, a host of innovative technology and continues Renault's strong tradition for safety, having already been awarded a best-in-class five-star EuroNCAP rating. With the arrival of the E-TECH hybrid version and the launch of All-New Captur and New ZOE, Renault's

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One of the many highlights of the interior is the availability of the new, larger 9.3-inch EASY LINK infotainment screen and a 10-inch TFT instrument cluster – features normally reserved for larger and more expensive cars. From the outset the designers wanted to give the All-New Clio a true premium feel, with soft touch plastics, satin finish metal trim and new, more enveloping seats all helping



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Available to drive away today - the all-new PEUGEOT 2008 SUV and its full electric counterpart, the e-2008 SUV. Prices for the all-new PEUGEOT 2008 SUV start at £20,150, while the PEUGEOT e-2008 SUV will be available from £28,150*, with deliveries starting from late April 2020.

On Personal Finance Lease**, the all-new PEUGEOT 2008 SUV in Active trim will be available from as little as £279 per month for a 48 month contract, with an initial payment of £700 and an optional final payment of £8,146. And the

all-new PEUGEOT e-2008 SUV full electric Active trim is £309 per month with an initial payment of £5,500 for the same contract length and an optional final payment of £11,709.

The all-new PEUGEOT e-2008 SUV is the second full electric model available from PEUGEOT, as the brand implements its strategy of providing an electrified derivative of every model by 2023. PEUGEOT's new generation electric vehicles (EVs) fulfil the brand's philosophy of 'Unboring the Future' by offering customers the

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The first SUV in PEUGEOT's new electrification strategy measures 4.3m long, 1.77m wide and 1.55m high. For added practicality, the all-new PEUGEOT 2008 SUV holds a maximum capacity of 1,467 litres in the boot.

Designed to put the driver in full control, the all-new PEUGEOT 2008 SUV comes with the PEUGEOT 3D i-Cockpit®, featuring a compact multifunction

steering wheel, configurable 3D instrument panel display, either a 7" or 10" HD colour touchscreen (according to version) and seven gloss black toggle 'piano switches'. The interior can also be personalised with a choice of eight LED mood lighting colours. Customers will benefit from Mirror Screen® with Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto as standard across all versions, and Connected 3D Navigation and Full Park Assist, both available from GT Line.

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The all-new PEUGEOT 2008 SUV is available with a choice of four PureTech petrol engines, a highly efficient BlueHDi diesel engine and a fully electric powertrain.

To find out more about the all-new PEUGEOT 2008 or e-2008 SUV, visit www.campbeltownmotorcompany.co.uk



PEUGEOT TAKES THE TRIPLE CROWN AT THE COMPANY CAR AND VAN AWARDS

PEUGEOT is marking the start of 2020 by taking home three awards from the independent SME fleet motoring news magazine Company Car and Van. The all-new PEUGEOT e-208, which is arriving in UK showrooms soon, has taken the award for 'Small EV of the Year 2020', with Company Car and Van Editor Andrew Walker stating, "The PEUGEOT e-208 is a far more attractive, exciting, classy and enjoyable car than all of the current electric car competition." He also points out the car's strong appeal to company car

drivers, "For company car drivers, all the range comes with a 2019/20 BIK of just 16 per cent." This will further drop in April 2020 to 0%.

PEUGEOT's second win goes to the head-turning 508, which swept the competition aside to be crowned Medium Car of the Year 2020 in the awards, with Andrew commenting, "The PEUGEOT 508 is a great all-rounder and for fleet customers, the diesel will achieve mid-fifties mpg. While many cars are bland to look at nowadays, the 508 bucks the trend, with movie-star looks that don't take away any of the

practicality customers expect from their car."

It wasn't just PEUGEOT's latest cars that were honoured in the 2020 Company Car and Van awards either. 2019 saw the UK launch of the multi-award winning PEUGEOT Partner van, which has proved popular with customers both in the retail and fleet sectors. "The Partner now sits right at the top of its sector and will give the Transit Connect and Caddy a few sleepless nights", reckons Andrew, "PSA Group really are on a roll with their CVs and this



latest Partner only adds to the brand's appeal."

This is the second year running that Partner has won

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- Even small dents can hide underlying structural damage
- Damage to paintwork lets water in and raises the risk of rust
- When it comes to selling, any unrepaired damage suggests you've neglected the car

yourself it doesn't look good but it's only a minor blemish. Or the car is getting older, so a minor dent here and there doesn't really matter.

"Or you tell yourself you'll get it fixed sooner or later, just not today. So, you put it on the back burner of your to-do list and somehow it never seems to get done.

"Next thing you know, six months or a year have gone by and that car dent is still there. And who knows what's happening to your car underneath the dent?"

GEM has compiled a list of good reasons for fixing car dents as soon as they happen, not when you eventually get around to it:

1 Safety

When it comes to car maintenance, safety is always the top priority. Even small dents can hide underlying structural damage that isn't obvious on the surface. For

example, today's flexible bumper covers with plastic outer coatings are designed to minimise damage in low-speed collisions. Yet, the underlying damage can often be much worse than it looks on the surface – and that could compromise safety for you and your passengers.

2 Rust issues

Dents cause unsightly blemishes on your car. But a further problem is that a dent damages the paintwork. Cracks caused by even a very small impact can allow water to seep underneath the paint where it will reach the unprotected metal part of the car. Over time, the water will cause the metal to oxidise, causing rust.

3 Longer-term paint damage

When you ignore the damage that occurs with a dent, the paintwork isn't going to get better. Weather conditions,

everyday wear-and-tear, and even washing your car can cause the cracks in the paint to grow larger. This can lead to flaking and peeling, leaving the underlying sealant exposed. If the car dent is severe enough to damage the sealant as well, peeling paint can leave bare metal exposed. Once this happens, it's only a matter of time before it starts to rust.

4 Reduced resale value

No matter how well your car runs, the exterior appearance is a vital factor when it comes to selling. Few things lower the value of a used car as effectively as unrepaired damage, even if it appears minor. Add paint damage and rust spots and the price a buyer is willing to pay goes down even more. Furthermore, unrepaired dents are a sign of a neglectful owner. Potential buyers may wonder what else is wrong

with the car because you didn't take care of the engine, brakes, or other parts. Unless your car is old and in poor condition overall, fixing any dents should bring you a better price.

5 Cheaper to put right

Repairing car dents right away will always cost less than if you wait. It doesn't take long for rust spots to appear or paint to start flaking away. In times of bad weather, or if there's a lot of salt in the air (as you'll find in coastal locations), the damage will spread even faster.

6 Pride

If you care about your car's appearance, it doesn't make sense to leave a dent unrepaired. So, the next time someone opens their car door into yours or you bump into someone else when parking, don't wait. Get the damage assessed and repaired by experts.

It may be human nature to put off small tasks that don't seem urgent, but road safety and breakdown organisation GEM Motoring Assist is urging car owners to have any damage put right as soon as possible.

Delaying repair to car body damage – however minor – can put safety at risk, due to the complex protection systems in place on all modern cars, according

to GEM. Additionally, the longer you leave a dent unrepaired, the costlier it's likely to be to put right – and damaged or dangerous bodywork could constitute an MoT failure under the new testing regulations.

GEM's road safety officer Neil Worth said: "If it's a large dent, most people will get it fixed right away. But when it's only a small dent, it can be easy to put off. You tell

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Community Interest Company show 2020 vision

Next Friday, brand new Community Interest Company, West Kintyre Promotions CIC, will host Scottish singer songwriter Eddi Reader in an intimate gig in Tarbert.

Building on the success of their work with Clachan Village Hall Development Fund, the team behind the new social enterprise have been working hard to fill 2020 with lots of exciting events. A spokesperson for the group told the Courier: 'We think West Kintyre, indeed, the whole of Kintyre has so much to offer as a place to live, work and visit, and we hope our events can help enhance that.'

'We are grateful to UnLtd and West Kintyre Community Fund for start-up support and we want to bring fun, affordable, family-friendly entertainment to the area and to help our smaller communities produce events on their own doorsteps.'

'2020 is also the Year of Coasts and Waters and nowhere in Scotland has better



Scotland's top magician Billy Reid brings his 'Watch Closely' UK tour to Kintyre on March 28.

coasts and waters than right here in the Kintyre Peninsula and Loch Fyne.

'We are a thriving, forward thinking, ambitious community...let's shout about that!'

The group has also confirmed a performance from Scotland's top magician Billy Reid, who brings his Watch Closely UK tour to Tarbert on March 28. On May 9, chaos

returns in the form of GPWA Wrestling, featuring stars from ICW, BBC Fight Club, BBC Rogue to Wrestler and ITV WoS.

The McDougalls will also return with their new show, Big Splash, for the wee ones, while Scottish Trad sensations Peat and Diesel are confirmed for a special sold-out Tarbert Music Festival performance.

Talks are also progressing on another big name act for late 2020 and on some potential special events in 2021, but it's not all about the big things.

The groups spokesperson continued: 'We recently hosted the McDougalls in Whitehouse, with their Go Global languages show and invited local school groups to attend free of charge, and we hope to be able to do a similar show later in the year.'

'One of our targets is to drive social engagement in rural areas and to help combat feelings of isolation, particularly in the winter months, so we are also keen

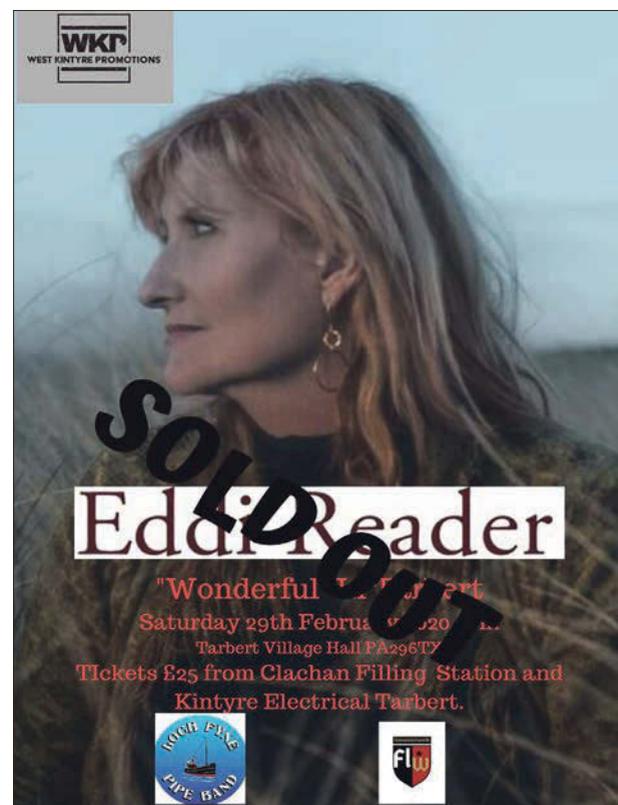
to produce something for older residents in Kintyre.

'People attending our bigger shows should know that any profits go back into the pot to produce more community events free of charge, as a Community Interest Company that is our main focus.'

'We are also keen to offer opportunities for local people, so we use local volunteers and students to support sound and lighting engineers and have continued to use local musicians to support our headline acts - for example Loch Fyne Pipe Band, Campbeltown funksters Deep Joy, Tarbert rockers FLW, The Tarbert Gaelic Choir and others have all had the chance to perform at the shows and that will continue.'

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Community rallies round to make Lyle's wish come true



Rosie Hill and her cousin Arran McGeachy contemplate which activity to take part in next.

Lyle MacLean is a step closer to achieving his dream of attending Blue Sky Autism in Glasgow thanks to the hard work and generosity of his family, friends and the community, writes Fiona Scott.

A Kids' Fun Day at Campbeltown Community Centre on Sunday raised

£1,288, which will be put towards helping the three-year-old attend Bluesky, described as an innovative and unique service providing individual programmes of therapy to young children experiencing development delays, including autism.

The Fun Day was made

possible by the Co-op who not only covered the cost of the Community Centre and bouncy castle hire, but also contributed £50 towards snacks for the children on the day. A special thank you to Donna Graham at the Co-op who made it all possible.

Lots of local businesses,

family and friends also donated to the raffle and baking stall. Megan Gillies and Kathryn Nelson were the two main organisers of the fundraiser and they would like to thank all the other fantastic helpers who are all close friends of Lyle's parents, Iona and Scott MacLean.



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Connel musicians are to tour Argyll with debut album

A musical duo from Connel will be touring Argyll this weekend playing songs from their debut album.

Dithis (Duo) is the debut album by siblings Joy and Andrew Dunlop who have been making music together since childhood.

The pair were steeped in the rich, musical tapestry of Argyll from an early age but developed their talents in different ways. Joy immersed herself in Gaelic song traditions and Andrew followed a classical path.

Successes

Joy is known for her successes at the Royal National Mòd, conducting the Alba Choir, who were Scotland's first Gaelic Eurovision entry, as well as for presenting the weather on BBC Scotland, in addition to frequent appearances on BBC ALBA and Radio nan Gàidheal.

Andrew Dunlop is a versatile musician who has performed across Europe, USA, Canada, and New Zealand.

Andrew, who reached the finals of the BBC Young



Dithis (Duo) is the debut album by sibling duo Joy and Andrew Dunlop.

Traditional Musician of the Year, currently works as the Company/Orchestral Pianist for Northern Ballet.

The duo will perform in Christ Church, Lochgilphead this evening, Friday February 21, from 7.30pm.

They will be in St Mary's Space, Appin, on Saturday

February 22, also starting at 7.30pm. And on Sunday February 23 they will be performing in Stonefield Castle, Tarbert, at 2pm.

Tickets cost £10/£8 and can be purchased from www.eventbrite.com/e/86418304475 or on the door.

Campbeltown Picture House presents 'Cans' Film Festival

Campbeltown Picture House and Munch Café and Desserts have teamed up to provide a very special screening of The Greatest Showman this coming Sunday (February 23) in aid of Kintyre Food Bank.

Instead of paying for a ticket, attendees are asked to bring a can or packet for the food bank. One item of food = one entry.

The Picture House has donated the space and Munch has kindly covered the licence fee for the film.

Something back

Owner/Operator of Munch Café and Desserts, Lewis Nelson, said: 'We're always looking for ways to give a little something back, so when Ellen came to us with the idea of Cans Film Festival we leapt at the chance to be involved.'

'We're delighted that there's been such a positive response and look forward to a fantastic event.'

Ellen Mainwood, General Manager of the Picture House, added: 'I had the idea from a similar event I used

to organise in New Zealand. I mentioned it to Lewis at Munch and he immediately offered to help with the cost of the screening.'

'We were amazed by the response, with all the tickets being reserved within a few days of the announcement.'

'We're looking forward to a fabulous screening and sending a lot of much needed items to the food bank.'

Mary-Anne Stewart at Kintyre Food Bank said: 'The food bank loves the idea of the Cans Film Festival; and is very grateful to the cinema and its customers for their huge generosity.'

The screening has now sold out, but if anyone wants to donate to the food bank they can drop items to the Picture House on Sunday or use the collection point in Tesco.



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Savings options laid bare as budget d-day looms

Educational support staff and school crossing patrols are in the firing line as Argyll and Bute Council prepares to set its budget for the coming year, writes Fiona Scott.

A raft of savings options have been laid bare in a report to go before councillors – which also suggests that burial and parking charges could rise by up to 20 per cent.

If all of the identified savings options are implemented, then the full-time equivalent of more than 55 jobs would be lost.

It's the second year in a row that school crossing patrols have been earmarked for cuts – though in 2019 the authority rowed back from the proposal in its final budget plan.

The options for 2020-21 are worth a total of more than £2.5 million of savings to the council.

The list of areas where savings could be made was

published days after the council's leader slammed the Scottish Government over its finance settlement for Argyll and Bute.

Council leader Aileen Morton said on Wednesday that government funding for the authority's capital and revenue budgets had been cut by more than the average for Scotland's councils.

The 2020/21 budget plans was discussed at a meeting of the council's policy and resources committee yesterday, February 20.

The full council will meet to finalise the budget next week.

It is estimated that removing pupil support hours from primary schools would save almost £200,000, with 14.7 full-time equivalent jobs going.

The removal of 1.8 full-time equivalent educational psychology posts would save an estimated £78,000, while



School crossing patrols are in the firing line.

the PE budget would spare the council £73,000, with no jobs lost.

The proposal to remove service from all 25 school crossing patrol points would save an estimated £113,000.

A report for the meeting, prepared by council officers, said: 'Removal of these [pri-

mary pupil support assistant] posts will add additional pressure to class teachers to improve literacy and numeracy and 'closing the gap'.

'Increasing numbers of children and young people are being identified as having additional support both nationally and locally, including

mental health difficulties and autism spectrum disorders.

'If the saving is taken, service redesign will be required to ensure that the needs of vulnerable children and young people continue to be addressed.'

On school crossing patrol-ers, the report added: 'There

is no statutory duty placed on the local authority but it is a parental/carer responsibility to ensure their children get to school safely.

'At the point of last survey, based on pedestrian/vehicle volumes, no sites in the area reached the criteria trigger for the provision of a controller.'

Meanwhile, it is proposed to increase the cost of a burial by 20 per cent and a cremation by 15 per cent. It is estimated that this will save the council £140,000.

A review of parking charges is also proposed, with a potential 20 per cent increase on the table. This is reckoned to have a potential saving of £138,000.

The report also reveals that more than 1,400 responses were received during the council's consultation on its 2020/21 budget, which ran from October to December.



Pictured from left are: Enid Colville (original club member), Libby Kerr-Liddell, Sandy McPherson, Mary Wareham and John Wareham.

Mary and John add family values to Bridge trophy

Campbeltown and Kintyre Bridge Club hosted the Jackie Wareham Memorial Trophy last week in the Town Hall Chambers.

Winners of North/South were Enid Colville and Libby Kerr-Liddell, while the East/West winning duo was the mother and son combination of Mary and John Wareham.

John had travelled from London to celebrate his mother's 92nd birthday that same day and what a very special birthday it turned out to be, winning the trophy

donated in memory of her late husband, Jackie.

Made welcome

Anyone interested in playing Bridge can join a beginners/improvers session from 4-5pm every Monday in the Town Hall and would be very welcome by the club – so come along and give it a try.

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Celebrating Scotland's food and farming industry

Driven by grassroots members, farmers and crofters have been seeking an opportunity to remind people about the fantastic story of food and farming in Scotland, and to thank them for their support.

Writing on the NFU Scotland's blog, vice-president Martin Kennedy announced that such an opportunity will come on Saturday May 23.

'All too often, an ill-informed small minority have used media platforms to paint our industry in a bad light or tar us with the same brush over production standards in other parts of the world.

'The facts suggest that the public truly value what we

do, what we deliver, and we want to meet them and thank them.

'Whether it is meat, milk, cereals, fruit or veg, Scottish farming produces safe, nutritious food grown and reared sustainably, and at the same time delivers so much for the environment through climate change mitigation and biodiversity.

'All that results in a massive contribution to the rural economy.

'So let's come together on May 23 to get that message across.

'Events being planned for that day will give the opportunity for all involved

in farming and crofting to get in front of as many of our consumers as possible to showcase just exactly why we should be proud of what we produce in Scotland.

'This national day of celebration, to involve events in towns and cities across all our regions, will raise public awareness of the benefits of eating Scottish produce to the next level.

'There's a lot of excellent information available from other industry organisations and we will build on that to get the true facts and our story out there.

'This will include some of the excellent work that's been



NFU Scotland vice-president Martin Kennedy.

done by our own climate change policy experts within NFUS and Scotland's research institutes, independently produced and scientifically-verified, to ensure the information we put into the public domain will be factual.

'The one thing we can all do is give a little time to try and help the industry.

'NFU Scotland and others will provide the information that's required and events will be coordinated through our team of regional managers.

'We want every member and their families to be involved.

'We know we can provide the man power, so this is a plea to everyone to be a part of this which I sincerely

believe could be a game changer.

'We've got something to be extremely proud of, let's take this opportunity on May 23 to shout it from the roof tops.'

Further details will be provided on regional events being planned in the weeks ahead.

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Cost of dog attacks falls by almost one third

NFU Mutual statistics have revealed that farm animals worth £113,000 were attacked by dogs in Scotland last year – down 30 per cent on 2018.

According to the insurer's statistics, farm animals worth £1.2m were savaged by dogs in the UK last year. Despite welcome falls in the figures in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, where co-ordinated campaigns have helped change attitudes among dog owners, England saw a rise in cost of 15 per cent.

A survey of over 1,300 dog owners commissioned by NFU Mutual reveals that more owners now put their dog on a lead if they see a sign warning them livestock are nearby (95 per cent compared to 90 per cent in 2018).

However, 63 per cent of dog



Mid Argyll farmers and NFUS members joined union officials, representatives from the police, vets and Argyll and Bute Council last summer to publicise the 'Your Dog – Your Responsibility' campaign. 06_a26NFUSdogattacks01

owners let their pets roam free in the countryside despite half admitting their dog does not always come back when called.

Rebecca Davidson, rural affairs specialist at NFU Mutual, said: 'As the main insurer of Scotland's farmers, we're

encouraged that dog attacks on farm animals in Scotland are starting to fall – but more needs to be done to put an end to livestock worrying.

'A significant number of dog owners still don't realise that their much-loved pet is capable of attacking and killing

large numbers of sheep. Even if a dog doesn't make contact, the distress and exhaustion of the chase can cause sheep to die or miscarry their lambs.

'We're also alarmed that more than half of owners are leaving their dogs unsupervised outside their homes

when they are out – particularly when one in six admits their dog has already escaped.'

One of the trends most concerning farmers is a steady increase in dogs allowed outside unaccompanied when their owners are out (56 per cent in 2020, rising from 43 per cent

in 2018). Police are increasingly finding that unsupervised dogs are escaping from owners' gardens and roaming fields, attacking livestock. This concern is supported by one in six of survey respondents admitting their dog had escaped from home in the past.

Caledonian Marts sale report

Caledonian Marts Ltd sold 2298 prime hoggets, ewes and tups in conjunction with the annual show and sale of Blackface prime hoggets.

Scotbeef's Bill MacKinnon was judge for the day and thanks must go to the Blackface Sheep Breeders Association - District 8, and Harbro for sponsoring the show. A good show of Blackface hoggets forward for quality, and more could have been sold to sellers advantage.

Results: Champion and first prize (40.1-44kg): C Little, East Bracklinn - 42.1kg at £103, or 245ppkg.

Reserve champion and first prize (44.1kg+): Remony Estate Partnership - 48.9kg at £110 or 225ppkg.

Blackface Hoggets up to 40kg: 1 C Malone, Pitcairn 37kg - £88.50; 2 H P Frame, Turdees 37.8kg - £88.50; 3 Glenturret Estates 37.7kg - £86.50.

Blackface Hoggets 40.1kg-44kg: 1 C Little, East Bracklinn 42.1kg - £103; 2 Remony Estate Partnership 42.3kg - £101; 3 Glenturret Estates 41.1kg - £97.

Blackface Hoggets 44.1kg+: 1 Remony Estate Partnership 48.9kg - £110; 2 R and R Braes, Burnshot 45.8kg - £107; 3 R and R Braes, Burnshot 46.3kg - £108.

The overall average for show hoggets was 233.9ppkg (+56.5p on the year).

A good show of sheep forward for numbers, with 1790 hoggets levelling out at 231.8ppkg (+1.21p on the week or +46.7p

on the year). Heavy Hoggets (45.6kg+) again in demand, and averaged £113.22 (+£1.60 on the week).

Top price of the day went to W M Bell and Son, Craigend for a 61kg Beltex at

£137. Mr Bell also topped the price per kg at 300ppkg for 6 cracking 43kg

Beltex at £129, and averaged £124 for 134 sold.

Leading prices:

Prime hoggets per head

Beltex X: £133 and £130 Craigend.

Beltex: £132 and £129 (twice) West Lundie.

Texel: £125 Whitecross.

Texel X: £122 Kinraige.

Continental X: £121 Meadowfield.

Continental: £120 Leysbent and Letter.

Suffolk X: £121 Bankhead.

Suffolk: £116 Ditch.

Mule: £96 Bankhead.

Cross: £90 Middlepart.

BF (outwith show): £90

Glenturret Estates and Allanfauld.

Prime hoggets per Kg

Beltex X: 296p, 295p, 293p,

291p, 287p, 286p, 284p Craigend.

Beltex: 274p and 272p West Lundie.

Texel: 270p Bankhead.

Texel X: 267p Plean Cottage.

Continental: 264p (Twice)

Leysbent.

Continental X: 263p

Meadowfield.

Suffolk: 242p Longriggs.

Suffolk X: 240p Meadowfield.

Mule: 218p Bankhead.

Cross: 216p Middlepart.

BF: 228p West Lundie.

Also forward were 508 cast ewes and rams. With over 50 per

cent of the sale being Blackface ewes, the entire sale would be dearer on the week.

Heavy ewes averaged £101.57 selling to £177 for two tremendous Texel ewes from R McNee, Woodend, Armadale. Light ewes averaged £77.83 selling to £82 for Blackface ewes, also from R McNee, Woodend, Armadale. Cast rams sold to a top of £138 for Bluefaced Leicesters from G Allan, Glenquey, Glendevon.

Other leading ewe prices

Suffolk: £130 Kinnaird (Scrymgeour); £121

Kinninmonth; £112 Easter Coates.

Texel: £127 Allanview; £120

Braco Castle; £110 Kinninmonth;

£106 and £105 South Cassengray;

£104 Bankhead Farms; £102

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£113 South Cassengray; £96 West

Dron; £92 Kinninmonth.

Beltex: £113 Bankhead Farming

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Blackface: £78 Woodend; £73

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Other leading ram prices

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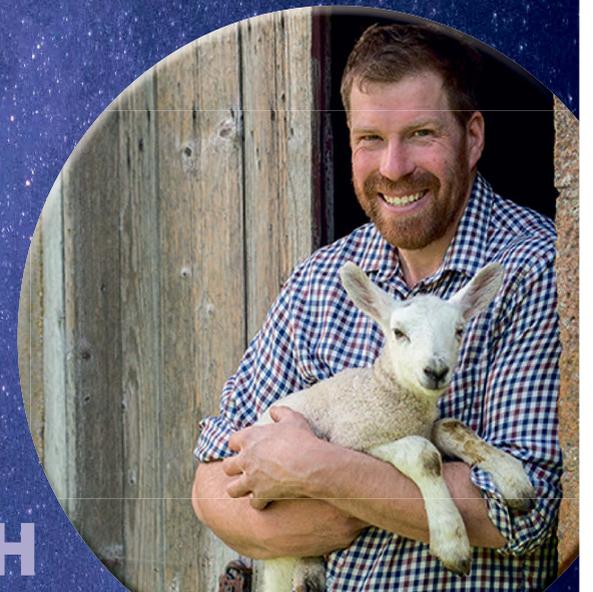
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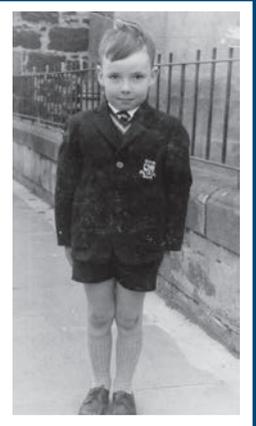
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Watts take guild on travels with whisky

In these hi-tech days with emphasis on 'a presentation' which can at times be soulless, it is a privilege to be in the presence of speakers who, without recourse to technology, combine enthusiasm and knowledge, and are true experts in their field.

Members of Killean and Kilchenzie Guild and their guests were accorded such an experience at their most recent meeting, when Mark and Kate Watt led them through the delights of 'Travels with Whisky'.

Members learned how a linguist with a desire to travel became involved with whisky, meeting a whisky specialist who ended up travelling.

Throughout their talk, Kate and Mark held the guild members spellbound, whether it was tales of travel, with or without an interpreter, or discussions on the relative merits of whiskies. Everyone came away with enhanced knowledge, whether a whisky aficionado or one who likes a restorative dram after a bad day!

This meeting, organised by Pat McMillan and Jill Lines, included a bring and buy stall, which made the princely total of £42.20.

The guild's next meeting will be the AGM, but before that members will be busy with the World Day of Prayer celebrations on Friday March 6 at 2.30pm in the church hall at A'Chleit. Then it will be full steam ahead until the sale of work on July 15.

SOUTHEND

Passionate speaker at SWI meeting

Southend SWI welcomed Joan Stewart of Shopper-Aide as the speaker at the group's February meeting.

A spokesperson said: 'It was evident from her talk that Joan is passionate about Shopper-Aide. She discussed her role within the organisation and basically how they work on a daily basis. As it is a charity, money is always an issue and



Entries to the heart-shaped shortbread biscuit competition.

fundraising is a huge aspect.

'It is obviously a service that has a huge impact on the elderly community with Shopper-Aide able to assist with shopping, household chores, odd jobs, befriending, social inclusion, appointments - the list is endless and the volunteers a necessity to provide this special service.'

Joan took time to answer lots of questions from the members, who had obviously enjoyed the talk enormously.

She then helped Margaret Bakes, president, to judge the entries of the competitions as follows. Valentine's card: Alison Eynon, gold; MJ Paterson, silver; Fiona Rowland, silver. Three pieces of nougat: MJ Paterson, gold;



Joan Stewart spoke passionately about the charity Shopper-Aide.

Fiona Rowland, red. Three heart-shaped shortbread biscuits: Alison Eynon, gold; Inez Ronald, silver; Kathleen Martin, red; MJ Paterson, blue; Fiona Rowland, blue.

The next meeting is the annual Bulb Show to be held in March in Dunaverty Hall.

ISLAY

Temporary accommodation to be built at Islay Airport

Plans for temporary staff accommodation to be situated at Islay Airport have been approved by council chiefs.

Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd has been given the go-ahead by Argyll and Bute Council to build two pods at the airport near Port Ellen.

The airport runs flights to Glasgow and Edinburgh, operated by Loganair, as well as to Colonsay and Oban, which are run by Hebridean Air Services. It is one of four airports in Argyll and Bute.

A handling report by a council planning officer said that the proposed pods were not sustainable on

a permanent basis, but that permission for them to be used temporarily should be granted.

The planning officer said: 'The proposed housing pods, each with a floorspace of 21 square metres, containing a two-metre square bedroom, are not deemed to be sustainable as a permanent housing solution, and would therefore not be encouraged under policy.'

'The island has a housing shortage as identified in the most recent Housing Need and Demand Assessment and the Strategic Housing Investment Plan, with there being 12 cases of extreme need in Bowmore, Bridgend and Port Ellen.'

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

Today at Glenbarr school, as well as having a great time with the children, I was fascinated to see their frog spawn already developed into tadpoles.

Amid the storms and the awful weather which seems to go on and on, there are intimations of spring. In the midst of the gales and the wildest of storms, symbols of new life arise.

The snowdrops bring that first sign of hope, then the tiniest of daffodils emerge to brave the storms. New growth appears on bushes and trees, birds find their voice and life begins to emerge from the darkness of winter.

Someone told us that: 'A farmer would rather have a wolf in the sheepfold than a dry February' ... as a dry February heralds an awful summer.

Well, by this wonderful reckoning we should be experiencing a veritable heatwave this summer.

Here in Argyll, we are close to the elements: we can watch for a space in the storm to walk the dogs; we can wait for the rain to pass before we venture to the shops; we can watch the skies and judge the tides.

We watch for amber or red lights to chart the progress of the ferries. We are an island people and we respect the weather.

And what beauty in these storms. The sea changes from blue to green to ultramarine and the waves chase each other on the crest of a rainbow.

Yet it will be good when the storms pass, when the sea is calm, when the sand returns to rock ravaged beaches, and when we can walk erect again.

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'For if winter comes, can spring be far behind?'

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MCCALLUM - BLACK

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of John, elder son of Peter and Sheila-Anne, to Lorna, daughter of Robert and Catherine, on February 9, 2020.

DEATHS

CAMERON - After a short illness, with her family by her side, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on February 11, 2020, Catherine Brown Cameron, née MacGeachy, of Embo, 5 Castle Park, Kilmartin, and formerly of Barbreck, Campbeltown, dearly loved wife of the late Colin Cameron, much loved mother of Shona and Sheena, much respected mother-in-law of Gordon and Russell, adored granny of Cameron, Sinclair, Craig, Julie and Rosie, and great granny of Katie and Jessica. Funeral service will be held in Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church, Kilmartin, today Friday, February 21, 2020 at 11.00am, followed by interment at Kilkerran Cemetery, Campbeltown at 2.15pm. Donations to Marie Curie (Mid Argyll).

LAING - Peacefully at home, on February 15, 2020, with Connie and Chris by her side, Irene Mary Laing (née MacQueen), in her 90th year, of Rosemount, Pier Road, Tarbert, beloved wife of the late James Laing, adored mum of Connie and John, dear sister of Connie MacQueen, cherished nanny of Mark and Fiona, and a dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 2.00pm, at the Pentland Chapel, Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh. All family and friends are respectfully invited to attend. A memorial service will be held in Tarbert Free Church at a later date.

MCELHINNEY (Simpson) - Peacefully at home, on February 7, 2020, in Coleraine, Northern Ireland, Kenneth, much loved husband of Patricia, and a very special dad to his three daughters and all grandchildren. A very precious brother of Catherine, Sadie, the late Ena, and uncle to Joyce, Kenny, Scott and Lewis. Will be loved and remembered always.

NICHOLSON - Peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on February 12, 2020, Jeanette Anderson Nicholson, in her 74th year, Lornedale, Airds, Carradale, dearly beloved wife of Donald-John Nicholson, much loved mum of Donald-Andrew and Nicola-Jane, mother-in-law of Sally and Keith and a loving granny of Craig, Jamie, Sean and Jennifer.

RICHARDSON - Peacefully, on February 10, 2020, Myra, née MacNab, aged 83, dear daughter of the late Duncan and Barbara MacNab and sister of Malcolm, Lena and the late Donald. A cherished wife and mother.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACDONALD - The family of the late Malcolm wishes to thank relatives, friends, neighbours and all those involved in his sudden death. Thanks to all who travelled the distance, in terrible weather, to pay their last respects, to Roddy MacDonald Funeral Directors for efficient arrangements, to Rev Hilda Smith for a fitting service, to Morna for beautiful family wreath and to the Glynhill Hotel for light lunch. The family are truly grateful to you all.

WALLACE - Lesley, Susan, David and families of the late Robert Armour Wallace express their heartfelt gratitude to relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, baking, phone calls and visits following their sad loss. They would especially like to thank Rev W Crossan

for his most comforting service, David McEwan for his wonderful musical repertoire, the community nurses, the doctors and nursing staff at Campbeltown Hospital, the ambulance services and Maggie Wilkieson of Macmillan Cancer Support for all their compassionate care and attention. Thanks also to Kenneth and Rhys Blair, funeral directors, for their professional guidance, and to the Ardshiel Hotel for their warm welcome and purvey. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who paid their last respects at the church and graveside and who contributed to the collection for Lorne and Lowland Church.

WILLIAMSON - The family of the late Flora Williamson (née Conley), 5 Lorne Campbell Court, would like to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy received following their very sad loss. Sincere thanks to staff at Campbeltown Hospital, district nurses and Fiona Cook at Lorne Campbell Court. Our thanks are extended to Rev W Crossan for comforting and memorable services at Lorne and Lowland Church, Campbeltown and Daldowie Crematorium, Glasgow, to Rhys and Kenneth Blair, funeral directors, for professional and efficient arrangements, to David McEwan for beautiful music played in church, and to Argyll Arms Hotel for purvey. Thank you to all who attended at the church and crematorium to pay their respects. The retiral collection for Campbeltown Hospital raised £525.80.

IN MEMORIAMs

BROWN - Treasured memories of our daughter and sister, Sharon Fiona, taken from us on February 12, 1993. Always in our thoughts. - Love, Mum, Dad, sister and brothers.
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Sunday 23rd February

11.00am Family Service

Speaker - Elizabeth

Irwin

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10.00 - 11.30am

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Lochgilhead

(SC013787)

Sunday 23rd February

11.00am Eucharist

& Coffee

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Poltalloch

(SC031391)

1st Sunday of the

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9.00am Holy

Communion

3rd Sunday of the

month

3.30pm Evensong

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Holy Mass Sunday

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Kilmartin

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Rev Walter Ritchie

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11.30am Morning

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Mr David Logue

Saturday 22nd

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Sunday 23rd February

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Rev Chris Holden

Kilberry Service 2.00pm

Rev Chris Holden

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Ormsary man in Oman 2020 endurance event

An Ormsary man is about to embark on the challenge of a lifetime as he cycles more than 1000km in a bid to be crowned BikingMan Oman 2020, writes Fiona Scott.

Lindsay McCrae, 49, will be one of only 100 cyclists to take part in BikingMan Oman, part of a series of ultra-endurance cycling events where competitors test their limits of strength and stamina.

In 2014, Lindsay bought a road bike through his employer's cycle to work scheme and what started out as an active commute with a few local races thrown in for fun, soon became an opportunity to challenge himself in some

of the toughest races on two wheels.

His first big win came in the gruelling City to Summit duathlon from Edinburgh to Ben Nevis. The race was a half marathon of road running, 184km ride through Glen Coe then back on foot for the final off-road marathon, summiting Ben Nevis and finishing in Fort William.

Made his mark

Bitten by the cycling bug, he went on to win Revolve 24 at Brands Hatch race circuit, completing 433 miles and ascending 37,000 feet in 24 hours. Adding a second-place finish in last year's BikingMan Portugal event

against some of the sport's top athletes means Lindsay has truly made his mark on the endurance scene.

Lindsay said: 'In my first few races I just wanted to see how I would get on but now I'm definitely in it to win it. I think I'm just stubborn and that's what keeps me pushing on when other people take rest breaks.'

Lindsay, who works in sales/technical support for an aquaculture equipment company in Inverness, fits his training around his job, spending one to two hours on a turbo in his garage three or four times a week, with longer rides of two to five hours at the weekends. His father's greenhouse in Ardrishaig proved to be a useful training venue to shelter from the elements over the Christmas holidays as he prepared for his biggest challenge yet.

The BikingMan Oman race starts in Muscat, Oman's capital city, before heading out on the Arabian Peninsula, through the Hajar Mountains, across the Ash Sharqiyah Desert and along coastal roads back to the capital. The competitors will climb over 9,300m during the race, that's the equivalent of climbing Ben Nevis almost seven times.

Unlike cyclists on the Tour de France, BikingMan athletes are unsupported so must carry all their food and equipment with them.



Lindsay McCrae will cycle more than 1000km in a bid to be crowned BikingMan Oman 2020. Photograph: Epic Action Imagery.

For Lindsay, one of the biggest challenges will be the weather: 'Temperatures at the moment are around 15-28 degrees but can reach higher which can be difficult to manage on the steeper sections of the course.'

'That's where my nutrition and hydration strategy will need to be spot on.'

But in case it all sounds like hard work, Lindsay highlights one of the main benefits of his high-octane adventures: 'The best part is definitely refueling after the race. I will burn about 25,000 calories over the 40-50 hours of my target time, so my recovery will mainly involve eating cakes and other calorie rich foods.'

Lindsay grew up on the Ormsary Estate and attended Lochgilphead High School. His family still live in the area and will be following his adventures closely over the five days of competition.

The race takes place from February 22 to 27 and Lindsay will cover 1,060km in a bid to take the title.



Training in his father's greenhouse in Ardrishaig.

Dee steps out her comfort zone to march for Doddie

Oban's first lady of rugby, Dee Bradbury, will be donning her hiking boots once the 2020 Six Nations tournament is over and taking on a challenge far from her comfort zone.

On March 27, the Scottish Rugby president will join a like-minded 25 brave adventurers, made up of MND research professors, ex-national and international rugby players and friends of Doddie Weir and his foundation, travelling to the High Atlas mountains in Morocco to #MarchForDoddie.

The team will be marching 50km over two half days, and one full day, challenging themselves with gruelling

ascents, steep descents and little flat. To cap it all, they will be camping at night, enduring the cold mountain temperatures.

Valuable funds

Keeping them going will be the thought that every step they take will raise valuable funds for the My Name's Doddie Foundation, and through this, will be taking Doddie, who revealed he was suffering from MND in June 2017, one step closer to his goal of finding a cure.

Dee felt compelled to sign up for the #MarchForDoddie after watching some emotional footage featuring the former Scotland Lock at a lunch she was attending.

Despite being 'terrified' of what lies ahead, the 55-year-old mother of two has found an inner strength through her association with Doddie and his family.

'He is an iconic former player and the warmth and dignity within the family is humbling,' she told us.

'I don't know if I could ever present like that in the same set of circumstances, which is why I decided to do this.'

'If Doddie and his family can adapt and face their daily challenges with such courage, then to walk 50km in the mountains in Morocco becomes insignificant in comparison.'

Currently fulfilling her



Scottish Rugby president Dee Bradbury.

Photograph: Scottish Rugby

role as president of Scottish Rugby, Dee flew out to Rome on Monday ahead of Scotland's Six Nations clash

with Italy, and admits she has not had much time to train for the march.

'The date of the trek is looming up very quickly and once Six Nations is over, it will be time to go to Morocco,' she explained.

'Ideally, I'd have liked to have tested myself locally on the hills behind my house in Bonawe, but I've hardly been home recently.'

Basic fitness

'I will have to rely upon my basic fitness, determination and resilience to complete the trek.'

'My husband bought me a great pair of walking boots for my birthday recently. I decided to start breaking them

in by a gentle meander in Edinburgh but the hooks on one boot became caught up on the other and I fell flat on my face. Does not bode well!'

The trek itself will be overseen by a reputable trekking company augmented by local experienced Berber guides and over the three days the group will be camping overnight in remote areas where the weather can be very unpredictable.

Dee is footing the bill for the trip herself but aims to raise as much money as possible for the cause via her just giving page. Go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dee-bradbury> to give her your support.



Kintyre schoolchildren are getting set for the 2020 Sports Hall Athletics competition.

New venue for annual Kintyre Sports Hall regional round

Mid Argyll Athletic Club are reminding boys and girls in the Kintyre area that the annual indoor competition of Sports Hall Athletics will be held on Sunday March 1.

Previously held in the Victoria Hall, this year will be the first time the event has been held in the new facilities at Campbeltown Grammar School.

The competition, promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club, is the last of four local area events being held in Argyll this winter.

Successful athletes from the local area competitions will qualify to take part in the Argyll final at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Sunday March 22.

Specialist equipment is used for various running, jumping

and throwing events bringing the excitement of track and field athletics indoors in a warm and dry environment.

Mid Argyll AC spokesperson Bill MacCallum added: 'This event provides an ideal opportunity for young boys and girls to come along and try athletics for the first time.'

The Kintyre competition will start at noon on Sunday March 1, with all entries on the day from 11.30am.

There will be awards for the overall winners in each age category and medals for all competitors.

Age groups start at under-seven, then under-nine, under-11, under-13, under-15 and under-17. Age is taken as on September 1, 2019 and an entry fee of £2 per competitor will be levied or £5 for families of three or more competitors.

Limited spaces left for popular Junior Football Festival

Campbeltown and District Junior Football Association (CDJFA) have limited spaces left for their annual Football Festival which takes place on Saturday May 30 at the Meadows Millenium Playing Fields.

The boys' 2011s section is now full, with only one space each left in the 2012s, 2010s and 2008s. There are also limited spaces in the 2014, 2013, 2009.

In the girls' competition there are spaces in sections 2011-2009 or

2008-2006. Last year the CDJFA Football Festival welcomed 60 teams travelling from Lochgilhead, Tarbert, Ardencaple, Oban, Helensburgh, Lochnell, Islay, Port Ellen, Port Glasgow, Arran and Dumbarton Riverside, as well as featuring the local teams. Organisers look forward to seeing them all back as well as welcoming more teams.

Email cdjfafestival@yahoo.com to book a space, for more information and to receive a welcome pack.

Football results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur Cup, sixth round replay - Oban Saints 0, Wishaw HSFP 2; Greater Glasgow AFL - Division Three - Oban Saints GG 3, Westerlands 0; SAFL Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils v Dunoon, postponed; Lochgilhead Red Star v Carlton YM, postponed; Premier Division Two - Tarbert 0, FC Argyll 4.

This Saturday's fixtures: Central Scottish AFL Division 1B - Oban Saints v Stedfast, Oban Community Pitch, kick-off 1pm; Greater Glasgow AFL Division 3 - Kirkfield United v Oban Saints GG; SAFL - Premier Division One - Dunoon v Glynhill Moorcroft; Campbeltown Pupils and Lochgilhead Red Star, no games; Premier Division Two - Strathaven v Tarbert.

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Ormsary man in Oman 2020 endurance event

Jordon scores at Liverpool Football Academy

by Fiona Scott
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A Dalintober Primary School pupil is blazing a trail in the footballing world, with a little help from his dad.

Earlier this month nine-year-old Jordon Robertson, and his father Duncan,

battled Storm Ciara so that the young striker could attend a Football Academy at Liverpool FC's Kirkby Training Ground, which provides a stepping stone for youngsters to progress to the highest levels of football.

'The journey down was awful,' said Duncan. 'We were



Jordon proudly displays his certificates and medal gained at the Academy. 20_c08_JordonRobertson1



Jordon Robertson at the Liverpool FC Academy earlier this month.

detoured all over the place before we eventually got to Liverpool. It was all worth it though.'

Preached

On the walls of the indoor centre at Kirkby hang the words 'Technique', 'Attitude', 'Balance', and 'Speed'. 'TABS' is the key phrase preached at the academy, and after completing a two-day course young Jordon was presented with a framed feedback certificate which showed he had scored threes and fours, out of five, for each criteria as well as in 'Ambition', 'Commitment', 'Dignity' and 'Unity' - 'The Liverpool Way.'

Underneath was written

the comment: 'Jordon has a great strike on him, often using it to great effect when in competition. His right foot is excellent but he needs a little work on his left.'

The certificate is signed by Liverpool FC Ambassador Ian Rush.

'It was great to go down and train with a load of other players my age from all over the world,' said Jordon who, despite being a striker, named Scotland captain and Liverpool left back Andrew Robertson - no relation - as his favourite player.

'There were a lot of Irish and Spanish players there and we also got to watch the

Liverpool Under-23 Squad training, so overall it was just a great experience. I can't wait to go back.'

A regular attendee of the Rangers FC training camps, Jordon's next mission is to complete the 'Blue All Over' 5k Fun Run at Ibrox Stadium on March 28 in aid of the Rangers Charity Foundation. And he's signed his dad up too!

Pay back

'I think it's pay back as I oversee his training in between attending the academies,' said Duncan.

'We do Race at Your Pace which offers virtual running and cycling challenges

which give you a month to cover your chosen distance in however many runs, walks or cycles you like and offers a medal once you have completed them.

'It keeps us motivated.'

To help Jordon and his dad reach their £100 target for their 5k challenge, go to <https://www.just-giving.com/fundraising/duncan-robertson5>



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