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# Bonnie Babies boost for premature tot Orion

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A baby born two months prematurely with a hole in his heart, who spent the first seven months of his life in hospital, is now living snugly at his Aberdeen home wearing clothes donated by Campbeltown charity Bonnie Babies.

Orion Campbell Reid, who by coincidence has family in Kintyre, received a bundle of tiny knitted cardigans, hats and blankets after he was born at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary on July 1 last year, weighing just 3lbs 12oz.

It was only when his mum Emma Campbell Reid – whose grandparents Mary Campbell, and Audrey and Brian Gee, aunt and uncle Nannette and Kenneth Campbell, and cousins Scott and Kenneth Campbell live in Kintyre – spotted a teddy in the bundle bearing the Bonnie Babies name that the family realised where the clothing had come from.



Orion's great-aunt Nannette Campbell, right, receives a second bundle of clothing from Bonnie Babies founder Debby Lamont. 50\_c11bonniebabies01; and right, Little Orion wearing one of the knitted cardigans which came from the Campbeltown charity.

Emma and her husband Stuart were told at their 20-week scan during Emma's pregnancy that there was a hole in Orion's heart as well as a very tiny valve that did not reach his lungs. They were told that unless this valve grew he could not be operated on, and were advised to consider having a late termination, but they decided to continue with the pregnancy.

Two months later medics at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (QEUH) in Glasgow, carrying out another scan, told Emma and Stuart about a different operation which could be carried out which might save Orion's life.

Shortly after he was born, Orion was flown to the QEUH for an esophageal atresia operation. He was



placed in an incubator from July to September and it was three weeks before Emma and Stuart were able to hold their son for the first time.

Orion still faced challenges – he had to weigh 8kg before he could undergo a 12-hour operation to fully repair his heart, and although now living at home, he remains on oxygen.

Emma and Stuart were

supported throughout the first months of Orion's life by their family in Kintyre, as well as Stuart's mum, dad and sister, and Emma's parents and brother in Canada, Ewen and Deborah and Michael.

The couple took only a few bits and pieces from the bundle of clothing they were given, choosing to donate the rest back to the hospital's bank as stocks were running very low and some families had nothing.

Emma told the Courier: 'Bonnie Babies is a very underrated charity, along with the others who knit for hospitals.'

'When a premature baby is born they receive a knitted hat and blanket, and with so many wires on babies in hospital, cardigans are perfect for dressing them and keeping them warm.'

'Many people don't realise these are donated.'

Emma's aunt Nannette said: 'Emma loved the cardigans so much as they were so easy to put on and very well knitted, so I said I'd see if I could get

another bundle in a bigger size as Orion had outgrown the first lot.'

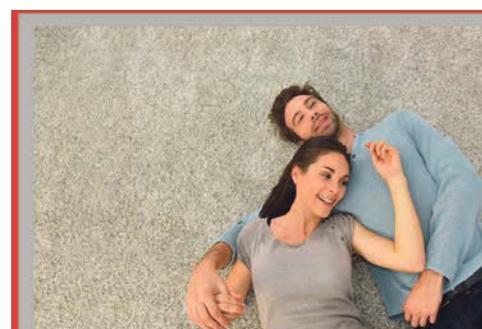
Last week, Nannette met with Bonnie Babies founder Debby Lamont to receive another bundle, which Nannette then posted to Emma in Aberdeen.

Nannette said: 'I don't think enough people know about the charity and the good it does – so many families would be lost without them.'

'It relies solely on donations, and much of its money covers postage costs.'

'We gave a wee donation each time Emma and Stuart received a bundle because it's important to keep it going. It's amazing work that it does.'

Debby told the Courier: 'It's always amazing to be able to help the babies in the special care baby units that Bonnie Babies supports. It's lovely to know we are here if someone needs our help for their little ones, and to know we are helping not only babies right across the UK and abroad, but also the babies closest to home.'



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■ A 62-year-old man was arrested on board a ferry at Kennacraig last Monday (March 2) at midday. It is alleged he behaved in an alarming manner. He was charged, held for court, and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.

■ Police are investigating following an incident on Tuesday morning last week on the A83 near Furnace. A lorry's driver-side mirror and trailer were damaged when struck by another lorry which failed to stop and report the collision.

■ A routine police check on the A83 at Kennacraig on the morning of February 25 revealed a car that was stopped had no insurance and the driver, a man aged 33, was charged and issued with a £300 fixed penalty ticket with six penalty points added to his licence.

■ On Saturday evening a 24-year-old woman was issued with a £100 fixed penalty after police stopped the car she was driving. Checks revealed that the vehicle had an expired MOT certificate.

**Police are investigating the above incidents and are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to phone 101 or anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.**

# Owner admonished over sheep attack

**COURT**

An owner whose wolf-dog hybrid pets chased and attacked sheep may continue to keep dogs, Sheriff Patrick Hughes ruled last week.

Sitting at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Thursday he admonished Katie Sherlock-Miller, aged 32, of 1 Islay Crescent, Paisley, who had previously pleaded guilty to being the owner of dogs which were dangerously out of control, inadequately restrained, and made good their escape, chasing, worrying and attacking sheep at Lenaig on October 30 last year.

Sherlock-Miller was at that time living in a caravan at an industrial yard between Ronachan and Tayinloan, very close to the field in which there were 120 sheep.

'This has caused obvious distress for a number of people,' the sheriff said.

At the earlier hearing he had ordered reports to be prepared on Sherlock-Miller, who has a



The dogs chased sheep in a field near Tayinloan.

degree in zoology; a criminal justice social work report and to allow assessment by an animal behaviourist on her suitability and ability to own dogs.

The two wolf-dog hybrids were put down by a vet after chasing and attacking sheep in the field

near Tayinloan along with a third wolf-dog which had escaped and run away but had not chased the sheep.

One sheep died as a direct result of the attack and another died the following day, its death attributed to the incident by the farmer.

As well as having the dogs euthanised Sherlock-Miller paid £90 compensation to the farmer.

'This experience has been a salutary one for her, a first-time offender,' said her defence agent.

Sheriff Hughes said her culpability was 'not wickedness but naivety' and that having studied the reports she would be admonished; the second report also said she was a fit and proper person to own dogs.

At the earlier hearing the court had been told that the breeder of one of the dogs had made it clear that part of the condition of sale of the animal was that it should be returned to them if Sherlock-Miller could not cope with the animal or had any other difficulty in keeping the dog.

## Woman to be sentenced in June

**COURT**

A Campbeltown woman will be sentenced in June after an altercation with her partner.

Jodie McGeachy, aged 29, admitted acting aggressively towards him, repeatedly shouting and swearing and uttering offensive remarks, when she appeared before

the town's sheriff court on Wednesday last week.

The incident happened at their home in the town on January 19 this year.

Procurator fiscal David Glancy said the situation arose after a Sunday lunch and socialising with family members.

'There was some sort of

discussion about an incident that took place within the extended family at Christmas,' he said. 'The comments made were not the views that she holds,' said McGeachy's defence agent.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said he would continue the case until the June sitting of the court.

## Woman spent Christmas in the cells after disturbance

**COURT**

Sheriff Patrick Hughes has called for reports to be prepared before he sentences a woman who caused a disturbance at her home on Christmas Eve.

Just before midnight on December 24 neighbours of Alice Johnston Smith, aged 27, of 37A Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, contacted the police to complain about the noise from Smith's home.

Police arrived and heard the ongoing disturbance.

'They made their presence known and were told in no uncertain terms to \*\*\* off,' said procurator fiscal David



Glancy, who added that Smith refused to open the door to them.

Once given permission by their supervisor, the officers forced the door. Smith then 'struggled violently' with them and once they were able to put her in handcuffs she was taken to Campbeltown Police Station.

Smith admitted behaving in a threatening or abusive manner, shouting and

swearing at her home on December 24 last year and to resisting, obstructing and hindering constables in the execution of their duty by violently struggling with them.

Her defence agent said that the complaint against Smith had been 'malicious or exaggerated' and that the time she had spent in custody had enabled her to start an alcohol detox programme.

'She has had a salutary experience. She has learned her lesson; she does not want to go back to custody,' he said.

Sheriff Hughes deferred sentence until April 2 for the reports to be prepared on Smith.



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# Call for more commitment despite cash pledge to improve A83 at Rest

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A petition by Argyll First councillors calling for a permanent solution for the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful was heard by the Scottish Parliament's Petitions Committee last Thursday (March 5).

The petition, which is backed by more than 400 businesses and more than 10,000 members of the public, councillors and MSPs, seeks to ensure the vital lifeline route is not closed because of landslides.

It was lodged following major disruption in 2014. Since then, the road has been closed in early 2016 when a large boulder came loose, closed again for nine days in 2018 following landslides, and closed for two days after the most recent landslips occurred in January this year.

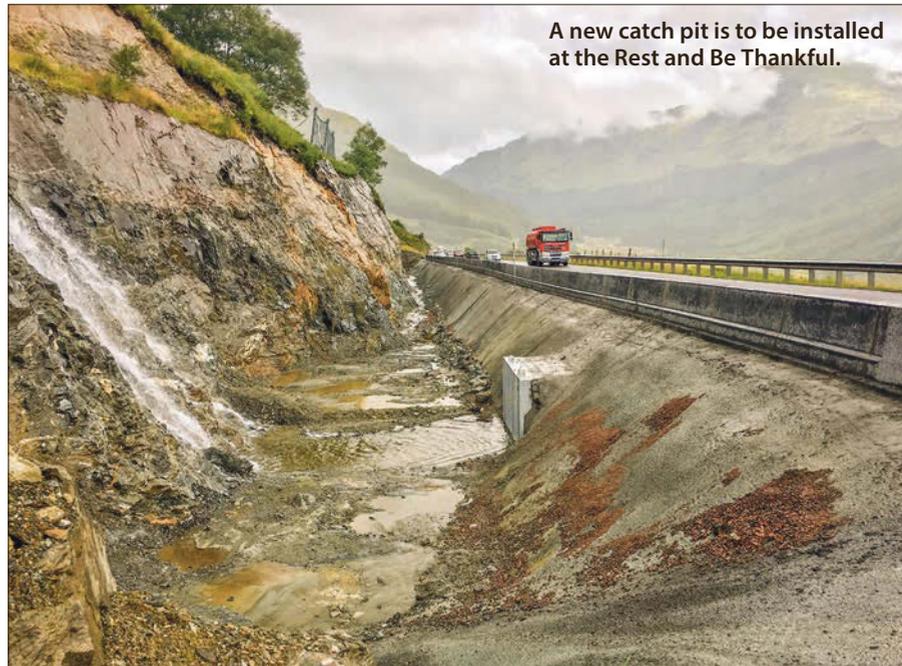
After the session, Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly told the Courier: 'The petitions committee has decided yet again to ask for more evidence. We are calling for the committee to firm up the timescales involved to deliver a permanent solution to the Rest and Be Thankful saga.'

'The current unacceptable situation cannot be allowed to drag on for much longer. The communities and businesses of Argyll and Bute need a firm commitment from the Scottish Government as to when this issue will be resolved once and for all.'

The same day the petition was heard, Transport Scotland announced £1.9 million would be invested in new landslip mitigation measures at the Rest and Be Thankful.

The money will be spent on another catch pit at phase one of the hillside - £13.3 million has already been invested in catch pits and other measures along the A83, which Transport Scotland says helped to keep the road open for at least 48 days when it would otherwise have been closed.

Michael Matheson, cabinet secretary for transport, infrastructure and connectivity, said: 'The A83 plays a crucial role for communities



A new catch pit is to be installed at the Rest and Be Thankful.

and businesses in Argyll. That's why we've invested £79.2 million in its maintenance since 2007, including £13.3 million in landslip mitigation measures and improvements to the Old Military Road diversion.

'We have already seen the effectiveness of the catch pit programme and want to build on the existing measures, so work will begin on an additional catch pit at

## 'In the longer term, Argyll and Bute is being prioritised'

phase one of the hillside.

'In the longer term, Argyll and Bute is being prioritised in the second strategic transport projects review, meaning recommendations for the region can be among the first reported. It will consider the transport needs and priorities for the whole area.'

Michael Russell MSP for Argyll and Bute welcomed what he called 'the Scottish Government's commitment to prioritising the A83'.

He said: 'I was deeply concerned in January when a severe landslip led to 1,000 tonnes of material landing on the road - and in an unusual spot east of where we are used to seeing this and as a result, east of the area which is currently protected.

'The catchpit programme has had a very positive impact so I am glad to see this being expanded.

'I am also glad that in the longer term, the Scottish Government is making Argyll and Bute a priority in the second strategic transport projects review.'

Donald Cameron MSP for the Highlands and Islands fears that the future of communities in Argyll and Bute could be at risk unless the Scottish Government produces an action plan that will deliver a permanent solution to the ongoing problems.

Mr Cameron said: 'The public petition on the A83 is one of the longest-running petitions at Holyrood - now seven years and counting - and we are no nearer to learning what ministers consider a permanent solution might look like.'

'Confidence in the future is critical for our business community and they need a reliable and credible partner in government which understands how important our transport infrastructure is. Instead, all we get is a minister saying exactly the sort of things his predecessor might have said when the petition was first lodged seven years ago. How many more years will people have to wait?'

'It's very difficult to encourage investment and address the threat of rural depopulation in Argyll and Bute while

all ministers talk about a sticking-plaster solutions. Nothing the minister said will reassure local communities that we are anywhere nearer a permanent solution. We don't need any more reports or consultations. We need a plan, a timetable and action.'

Argyll and Bute Council's leader, Councillor Aileen Morton, has called for 'a more substantial commitment to be made' following the new funding announcement.

Councillor Morton said: 'The issues with the Rest and Be Thankful have been recognised for over a decade, a decade in which a sticking plaster approach has been taken by the Scottish Government. This is a vital route for Argyll and Bute, for

Scotland, and it's time for a more substantial commitment to be made.

'The process the Scottish Government is currently going through to review potential transport projects across the country is a long, drawn-out one. This was first suggested for the Rest and Be Thankful in October 2018.

'We have no more information now than we did then. Considering the mitigation measures failed yet again, Argyll and Bute Council is still asking for a permanent solution to be identified, funded and delivered as a matter of urgency - it is likely to require a substantial sum of money but that must be better than spending more money on works that don't ultimately solve the problem.'

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# Argyll apprentices learn to love being all at sea

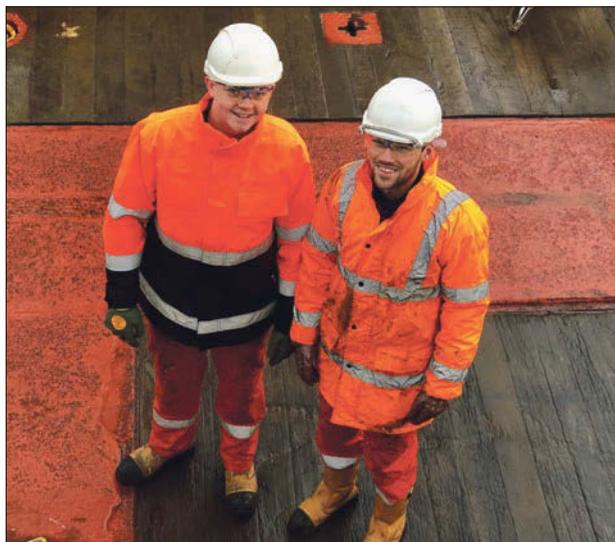
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An apprenticeship programme run by the Northern Lighthouse Board (NLB) offers participants the chance to travel to parts of Scotland many can only dream of.

The Deck Rating and Engineering Apprenticeship promises no two days are the same, with apprentices travelling to a remote lighthouse in the Outer Hebrides one day, and the next carrying out buoy work in the middle of the North Sea.

Stuart MacBrayne and Cameron MacMillan are the latest recruits to the scheme. Both are in their final year of the two-year apprenticeship and, when not at sea, attend City of Glasgow College Maritime Education and Training.

Cameron said as soon as he saw the apprenticeship



advertised, knew it was for him: 'Before joining the Northern Lighthouse Board I spent four years working at Dunstaffnage Marina, just outside Oban.

'I worked there part-time when I was still at school and

then full-time after leaving school. It was here that I got a real feel for the industry and learned the skills for a career at sea.

'After a few years at Dunstaffnage, I decided it was time to move on and start

**Deck rating apprentices  
Cameron MacMillan, left,  
and Stuart MacBrayne.**

my career at sea, and when I saw the job opportunity with NLB, I knew it was for me.

'I'm really enjoying my apprenticeship and have progressed my day-to-day skills needed for this job massively. Everyone has been very helpful and good to me, and I'm learning so many different skills and techniques which vastly improve my learning.'

Stuart said his Argyll background inspired his desire to work at sea. He explained: 'Growing up just outside Campbeltown, close to the Mull of Kintyre Lighthouse, I have always had an interest in life at sea and lighthouses.

'I studied at Campbeltown Grammar School before en-

tering full-time employment with the local fuel merchants and shipping agent. After spending over five years working as a fuel transport clerk, I decided it was time to move on and start my career at sea.

'I'm really enjoying my apprenticeship with NLB. During my first two months at sea I had visited more of Scotland than I ever had before. One of my highlights has to be my trip to London onboard Pharos for London International Shipping Week – sailing up the Thames was a once in a lifetime experience. And another was visiting Hyskeir Lighthouse. This was my first trip off the ship onto a lighthouse and first time flying in a helicopter.

'I would highly recommend an apprenticeship and working at sea to other young people. I have developed skills which will last a lifetime

while working in a close-knit team and building working relationships with all my colleagues.'

Mike Bullock, NLB's chief executive, praised the scheme for the wealth of experience it offered apprentices. He said: 'The introduction of the scheme has had the obvious benefit of selecting and nurturing young talent to join our workforce. And, more particularly, ensures that by the end of their training, the young people have the combination of specialist skills and knowledge that are bespoke to NLB's requirements such as deck work, buoy maintenance, helicopter operations and lighthouse storing operations.'

To find out about apprenticeships with the Northern Lighthouse Board keep an eye on its website [www.nlb.org.uk](http://www.nlb.org.uk) or email enquiries@nlb.org.uk

## Is there hope for CS Wind?

Following court action by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) to stop South Korean manufacturers from removing equipment from CS Wind UK's Machrihanish factory comes news from the firm that it is actively looking for more orders for the wind tower construction plant, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

An interim interdict was agreed at the Court of Session last month by Lord Erich; this follows on from one issued in December last year.

The move by HIE does allow the company to remove finished towers to fulfil its remaining orders.

The enterprise company said that it took this formal step to protect the assets at Machrihanish and make sure the factory was capable of working again; CS Wind has informed HIE that is working to win new orders.

At its height the Machrihanish factory had a workforce of more than 130; last October came the news that the then 94 employees faced redundancy. Now it is believed only six remain at the closed-down plant; attempts by the Courier to contact CS Wind for comment have gone unanswered.

As well as more than £3



**The future of CS Wind UK, which is capable of producing both onshore towers, left, and offshore towers, right, is uncertain.**

million of government funds pumped into the operation via HIE, there was a £27 million investment from Siemens, leading wind farm developers, back in 2016.

In 2018 the pre-tax profits of the business were £7.1 million and its annual report that year said the coming financial year looked positive 'with a further increase in production volume expected'.

A spokesman for the company, based in South Korea, is on record with a national newspaper as saying that it was involved in discussions with HIE and that new orders were being sought: 'There is fluctuation in this kind of business so manufacture can stop operation sometimes and start again through rehiring.'

But Pat Rafferty, Scottish

secretary of the union Unite, said: 'The fact that an injunction has been taken out against the company to prevent it from asset stripping equipment is unheard of and highlights the major concerns which governmental bodies hold regarding the intentions of CS Wind.'

'The factory should be one of the crown jewels in Scotland's renewables industry as it manufactures onshore and offshore wind turbines, but it has been lying idle for months now.

'It's time the owners of CS Wind moved on to other shores in order to allow alternative ownership options to come forward, including forms of public ownership so that we can work towards guaranteeing the factory a successful future.'

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# Supermarket stocks run low due to coronavirus

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Despite no cases of coronavirus being confirmed in Argyll and Bute when the Courier went to press, Campbeltown's supermarket shelves were running unusually low on supplies of hand sanitiser, toilet paper, dried pasta and tinned foods.

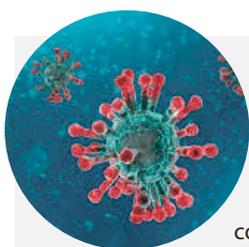
On Wednesday afternoon, 36 people in Scotland were confirmed as having the covid-19 virus, the closest to Campbeltown is three case across the Firth of Clyde in Argyll.

This week in Campbeltown's Tesco store, hand wash and sanitiser products were restricted to two per customer 'due to limited availability', while toilet paper was also limited to two units per customer, to 'help give everyone access to essential items'.

In the Co-op a notice read: 'Due to seeing higher demand than usual, we've decided to put a restriction of three units per person in place to protect availability for all our customers on the following categories: paperware including tissues, toilet roll and kitchen roll; hand sanitiser; antibacterial soap; and antibacterial hand wipes and surface wipes.'

This comes after NHS advice on avoiding the infection, the typical symptoms of which include fever and a cough that may progress to severe pneumonia, recommended that people should maintain good hand hygiene by washing their hands with soap and water or alcohol hand sanitiser before eating and drinking, and after coughing, sneezing and going to the toilet; as well as covering their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing with disposable tissues and disposing of them in the nearest waste bin after use.

In light of coronavirus reaching Scotland, Campbeltown Medical



## What to do if you think you might have coronavirus

If you think you might have coronavirus or you've been in close contact with someone who has it:

- stay at home and avoid close contact with others,
- do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital,
- use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service to find out what to do next

The 111 coronavirus service will tell you if you need to continue to stay at home (self-isolate) or if you need medical help.

Practice advised its patients that online GP appointments have been suspended for the foreseeable future, and asked anyone with flu-like symptoms, especially those who have travelled from affected areas, to stay at home and call 111, the NHS number for urgent medical problems which aren't emergencies.

Royal Mail staff delivering post in Campbeltown were seen to be wearing disposable gloves, not something they typically wear, although the NHS has said that it is 'very unlikely' that the virus can be spread through things like packages or food.

Shane O'Riordain, managing director of regulation and public affairs at Royal Mail, told the Courier: 'The health, safety and wellbeing of our colleagues, customers and the communities in which we operate is of paramount importance to Royal Mail. We have provided Public Health England preventative guidance to our colleagues in all mail handling and other roles.'

'Our recommendations to colleagues include maintaining good hand hygiene through regular washing with soap and water and carrying disposable tissues which are disposed of as soon as possible and appropriately. Disposable gloves are also available to our people on request through their line managers.'

It was revealed last week that Argyll and Bute Council staff will be granted paid leave if they feel they need to self-isolate due to the coronavirus outbreak.

People are advised to self-isolate if they have travelled to an affected area, including Northern Italy and parts of Asia, or have been in close contact with a person known to be infected.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has confirmed that anybody affected will receive statutory sick pay from the first day of their absence from work, instead of the fourth.

An Argyll and Bute spokesperson said: 'Argyll and Bute Council has a flexible working policy, so self-isolating does not necessarily mean being unable to work – a great many staff are able to work from home.'

'Employees who have been instructed to self-isolate, who can't work from home, will be granted paid leave for the duration of self-isolation, or until they develop symptoms.'

'If the employee becomes unwell, normal sick leave provisions will apply until the employee is able to return to work. This is in line with national guidance.'

According to the NHS advice, people who self-isolate may need to do so for around two weeks, staying at home and avoiding public places.

## Argyll's carbon footprint below national average

Argyll and Bute's carbon footprint is well below the national average, a report has revealed.

The area's CO2 emissions were recorded as being less than 40,000 tonnes during the 2018/19 year – a figure roughly on a par with authorities like East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire and Perth and Kinross.

Some councils have not supplied information to the survey carried out by Scottish Sustainable Network (SSN), which collates the information on behalf of the Scottish Government.

The report was due to be debated at a meeting of the council's climate change environmental action group (CCEAG), which consists of six councillors, on Tuesday.

The document, which contains a graph listing the totals for all responding local authorities, said:

'The graph highlights that the council is performing better than the national average and comparable with local authorities such as East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire and Perth and Kinross.'

'It must be highlighted that this is not a comprehensive picture as not all local authorities have published information via SSN, and indicators highlight total tonnage as opposed to tonnage by capita.'

'At present, indicators relating to climate change are being reviewed by the Scottish Government and as they evolve the CCEAG will be updated.'

The report, by Douglas Hendry, executive director with responsibility for commercial services, also outlines the council's list of operational actions to fight climate change.

These are grouped under municipal waste; fossil fuel

and water consumption in buildings; electricity consumption; emissions from vehicles; renewable energy and carbon capture.

Mr Hendry added: 'While this is a list of operational activities that the council is undertaking to address climate change of our business activities other steps such as education within schools, communications, engagement and dealing with impacts of climate change will also need to be given strategic consideration.'

'It is therefore considered appropriate for the CCEAG to give direction to the form and scope of future council policy or plan on climate change.'

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**Avoid panic buying**

It was strange going into

Campbeltown's supermarkets this week and finding almost empty shelves in some aisles.

With not a single case of coronavirus in Argyll as the Courier went to print, it is surprising that people feel the need to panic buy.

Although self-isolating is a scary prospect, the UK Government has insisted there is no need for anybody to stockpile.

Perhaps rather than customers buying entire trolleys of toilet rolls, it's a case of a few customers picking up one or two more than they would usually purchase along with their weekly shop.

Either way, thankfully we have avoided the fisticuffs that have come out in some towns and cities across the world!

**A helping hand**

Often it is the far-reaching work that charities carry out overseas which gain coverage but this week's front page is a nice reminder that some charities do as much good at home as they do abroad.

To provide any relief or comfort for parents at what must be a horrific time in their lives is amazing – good work, Bonnie Babies.

**Congratulations, Clachan Primary School**

I was privileged to attend and present the pupils of Clachan Primary School with their seventh Eco-Schools Green Flag. This is a major achievement for any school and highlights the close working relationship between the school and community.

The young people entertained us with some profound acting and thoughts on the implications of climate change and what we each can do in our own way to make a difference. They then served us a lovely lunch.

Michael Russell MSP and Brendan O'Hara MP were also in attendance and added their congratulations on the tremendous efforts of the children, staff and parents.

Well done, Clachan Primary School and many thanks for allowing me to spend the day with you all.

**Councillor Anne Horn,  
Kintyre and the Islands.**

**Please respect designated parking spaces**

My wife and I are both in our eighties; she has a Blue Badge, my application is being processed. We make a weekly trip into the Wee Town for shopping and any other business. We visit both supermarkets.

Last week at Tesco all five disabled parking bays were occupied, so we pulled into a parent and child space opposite, displaying the Blue

Badge. On the way to the store entrance I checked the five cars; only two of them had Blue Badges on display. I reported this to a member of staff and later another said they would check on the car users.

As we returned to our car with the shopping a man was getting into the car next to us, also a parent and child parking bay. He was unaccompanied by a child.

On our first visit to the area in 1987 with our small fishing boat, which we hadn't used for years, we had many problems with the outboard etc.

The locals, passers-by and business people in Campbeltown were so friendly and helpful that we came back in '88 and in '89, bought a property, and spent every school vacation there until making it our permanent home on retirement in 2000.

My point is that I don't think that Campbeltown folk have suddenly changed and adopted the 'I'm alright, Jack' attitude promulgated by recent UK governments and exemplified by Brexit voters; I shall assume that the actions of which I complain are thoughtlessness rather than sheer arrogance.

The important thing about both disabled and parent and child parking bays is not just that they are closer, it is also that they are wider, enabling wheelchairs and pushchairs to access the doors of cars, and for doors to be opened wide to help the infirm haul themselves up.

Please bear in mind that the few seconds you save yourself by using these spaces may cause major inconvenience to others.

As an aside, the Tesco superstore which our

daughter uses in Newcastle clamps the cars of illegal users!

**Tony Williams,  
Disappointed Old Man,  
Muasdale.**

**We shouldn't subsidise councillors' meals**

With Islay's winter life-line bus service in the council's crosshairs in its proposed £9 million cuts, it encouraged me to look at Argyll and Bute's 2018/19 councillor expenses, the latest published.

Out of our 36 councillors, Councillor Redman cost us a shocking £1,612.91 in meals claimed for, over half claimed for by all 36 councillors at a £2,446.38 total, which is a bit rich given Councillor Redman is a Tory whose party of austerity and Universal Credit (still to hit the majority) has driven the rise of charity donations to food banks to feed millions and millions more when Universal Credit is fully rolled out.

He once told me while campaigning that a number of councillors faced court action for not paying Council Tax yet he now spends the average Council Tax house bill on meals.

I don't think we should be subsidising councillors' meals – if their salary is not enough, don't stand for election.

In my ward, Kintyre and the Islands, the councillors' meals claimed for were: Councillor Redman £1,612.91; Councillor Currie £541.20; Councillor Horn £11.93.

All 36 councillors cost us £825,972 in

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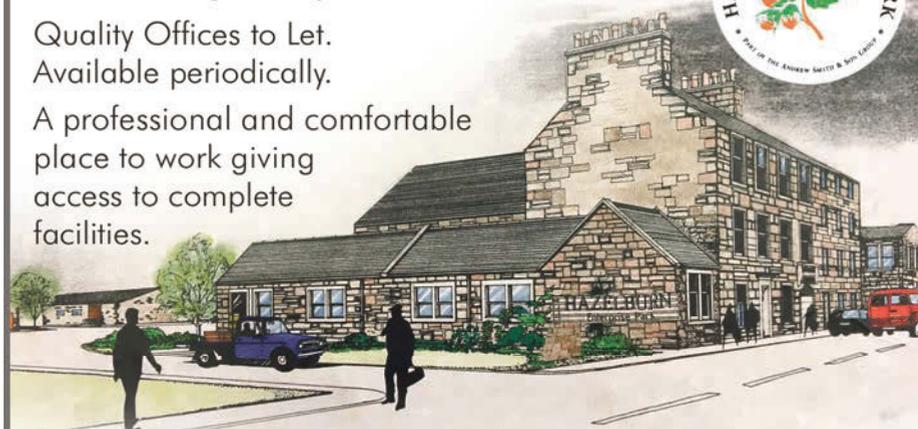
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2018/19 in total expenses. That's £4 million odd between elections, and could be better spent on more accountability, life-line bus services, crumbling schools, etc.

**Colin M Campbell,**  
Port Charlotte, Isle of Islay.

## Switch off and join Earth Hour

I'm writing to encourage your readers to join millions around the world in turning off their lights and celebrating WWF's Earth Hour on Saturday March 28 at 8.30pm.

We're in the midst of a joint climate and nature emergency.

We've destroyed forests, polluted the oceans and messed up the climate.

But what happens next is up to us. By taking part in Earth Hour you can be part of the change.

All eyes are on Scotland this year ahead of the UN climate talks in Glasgow this November, so now is the time for Scottish communities to stand up and be counted.

So whether it's switching off your lights, switching off your phone for an hour, or celebrating with others – Earth Hour is a time to reconnect to what's important.

Taking part is a great way to showcase your group's environmental action, get new people involved, and be part of a global movement.

You can find out what's on near you, by visiting [wwfscotland.org.uk/earthhour](http://wwfscotland.org.uk/earthhour)

**Lang Banks,**  
Director of WWF Scotland.

## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's photograph of a beautiful sunset at Westport beach was sent in by Simon Freeman, who took it using the

camera on his phone while out for a walk recently.

**■ If you have a photograph you would like to share, 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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# FROM OUR FILES

## TEN YEARS AGO

**Friday March 12, 2010**

### Neil's sovereign honour

Last time he was on the front page of the Courier, Neil McNaughton was in his desert kit toting a rifle.

Here he is in dress uniform, pipes in hand, as befits a piper who has had the honour of playing for HM the Queen.

Corporal McNaughton, 40, along with 11 other pipers, all instructors or students at the Army School of Bagpipe Music and Highland Drumming, played at the state banquet during the visit of the President of the Republic of South Africa, Jacob Zuma, at Buckingham Palace.

It is the first time that the piping and drumming school has been given the honour to be the Sovereign's Pipers at a state banquet.

When he is not attached to the piping and drumming school, Corporal McNaughton serves with The Highlanders, 4th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland (Four Scots), which is based in Fallingbommel, Germany. Since joining up he has served in Bosnia, Iraq, Germany, USA, Canada and Australia.

Neil is a former pupil of Campbeltown Grammar School and his mum and dad, Elizabeth and Neil senior, still live in Campbeltown.



Right, Neil McNaughton. Photograph: Mark Owens/  
Army 2Div.

overhaul the buntlines – it was dark, I was terrified, but loved it!

**Friday December 16** – Up at 3.30am for morning watch. Thunder and lightning for most of the watch and some really heavy showers. Evening watch was much the same. It was terrifying, and the crew didn't help by telling us tales of people being struck! We slept just about all day – a symptom of sea sickness – though I haven't actually been sick.

**Sunday December 18** – I'm covered in bruises, my hands are blistered and chapped, I've got foot cracks under most of my toes (very painful business), I'm wheezy and I've got a cold – I love it here! I really need a shower.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

**Thursday March 12, 1970**

### What a wash-out!

Thirty-nine new baths were recorded last year in Campbeltown.

A total of 42 houses were added to the Campbeltown housing register in 1969. Of these, 26 were new Town Council houses; four were new Argyll County Council houses; three were new privately-owned houses arising from the improvement of already existing houses.

On the other hand, 36 houses were removed. Of these, 27 were unfit and were closed; seven were in sub-standard condition and were closed for improvement or conversion. Another two large houses were converted into smaller houses. There were at the end of last year a total of 2,117 houses in Campbeltown.

At the end of 1969 the total number of W.Cs in the burgh was 2,116 – an increase of 15 on the total for 1968. But there are still 13 tenants sharing W.Cs. This is a decrease of 16 on the previous year. The number of baths in Campbeltown increased by 39 to 1,926.

## ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO

**Saturday March 13, 1920**

### Argyllshire by-election

The campaign in furtherance of Sir William Sutherland's candidature was conducted with great vigour over the weekend by a number of particularly able speakers.

On Friday evening, Mr James Parker, MP, a Coalition Labour member, spoke in the Victoria Hall at a fairly well attended meeting over which ex-Provost McMurchy presided.

Mr Parker, who began life as a labouring man, and who incidentally remarked that though now a Junior Lord of the Treasury, with £1,000 a year, he still lived in the house which was his home when he had 22s a week, is a lucid and forceful speaker, and his address was listened to with close attention and appreciation. He also addressed meetings at Drumlemble and Carradale.

Captain Elliot, MP for Lanark, who has made an early and effective impression in the House of Commons since he entered it in the beginning of the present Parliament, and who was recently referred to by a Parliamentary correspondent as one of the most promising of the younger members of the House, opened a tour of the southern part of the constituency at Tarbert, and on Saturday made his way down the western seaboard of Kintyre, speaking at Whitehouse, Clachan, Tayinloan, Muasdale, Glenbarr, and Ballochante.

As the member for an agricultural constituency, Captain Elliot was able to deal with the questions which are of supreme importance to rural people with keen personal knowledge and insight, and his addresses were heard with marked appreciation.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

**Friday March 17, 1995**

### Campbeltown's Caroline McFadyen and Susie Bell tell of their time...All at sea on the Eye of the Wind

We didn't quite know what we were getting ourselves into when we joined the Kintyre TYC over a year ago.

Back then there seemed no hope of raising enough money to send us all away on voyages. But since then we have been involved in various fundraising events, from car washes to applying for grants. This enabled us to send eight hard-working members on sail training voyages on board 'Eye of the Wind'.

These members made us envious with their stories on life on the Eye and so we were ecstatic when we learned we were going for a four-week voyage across the Atlantic from Tenerife to Barbados and some of the other Caribbean islands.

The whole voyage was amazing, and it felt like a dream despite the fact that it was very hard work as can be seen from our now 'muscle-clad' bodies and these diary extracts:

**Tuesday December 13** – Coming off the plane we were met by a friendly crew member who took us to the ship.

I was one of the few who didn't go to see the 'Eye of the Wind' when it came to Campbeltown last year. My first impressions were that it was amazing, very civilised and the crew were very friendly. I knew I was going to have a great time.

**Wednesday December 14** – Got up at 7am and had breakfast before going to the market in Santa Cruz to buy 100 breakfast rolls and some fruit. We left Tenerife about 11am.

Sea was rough and people (not us, of course) were throwing up all over the place! Hands were really sore tonight – have been hauling lines, belaying them and coiling down all day. I went aloft with one of the crew tonight to

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### Glen Scotia celebrates whisky heyday

Glen Scotia Distillery is calling for people to share photographs which capture the peak of Campbeltown's whisky industry during the mid-19th and early 20th centuries.

As Scotland's fifth and smallest malt producing region, in the Victorian era Campbeltown was known as the whisky capital of the world and was home to more than 30 working distilleries.

Since 1832, Glen Scotia has been shaped by the people, time and events – and history – of Campbeltown and the distillery is now searching for photographs which bring its unique whisky history and heritage to life.

Iain McAlister, master distiller and distillery manager at Glen Scotia, said: "The contribution Campbeltown has made to Scotch is incomparable and we are proud to continue to fly the flag for the region around the world. Whisky was a way of life in our coastal town for over 100 years and over time, all that experience, craft and passion have been poured into Glen Scotia. Now we are on the hunt for photography that will help us uncover what makes Campbeltown the "whiskiest place in the world".

Digital or print photographs can be submitted via email to [glenscotia@bigpartnership.co.uk](mailto:glenscotia@bigpartnership.co.uk) or by post to Glen Scotia, BIG Partnership, Fountain House, 1-3 Woodside Crescent, Glasgow, G3 7UL, alongside contact details of the sender, by March 31.

Selected images will feature as part of a photography exhibition during this year's Campbeltown Malts Festival and may also be showcased through Glen Scotia's marketing activity to further raise awareness of the distillery and Campbeltown around the world.

Glen Scotia's search for photography follows the distillery's campaign in 2019, which aimed to recognise Campbeltown as the 'whiskiest place in the world', and successfully reached the UK Parliament.

The motion acknowledged the region for playing a significant part in the history and development of whisky distilling in Scotland and congratulated Mr McAlister on helping



Whisky barrels, cargo and passengers await boarding onto a sister ship of the SS Davaar – making this ship either the Kinloch or the Kintyre – at Campbeltown Harbour.

to raise awareness of Campbeltown's whisky heritage.

### Mystery location identified

Well done to those who recognised the mystery location in last week's Down Memory Lane as the newer cemetery at Clachan.

As was said in the piece, there was a hint for those able to understand the Gaelic 'achadh na sithe' inscribed in stone in one of the photographs. It translates as 'the field of peace', apt for a graveyard where so many are laid to rest.



Hazelburn whisky awaits transport on the quay circa 1890. Lochend Church is clearly visible through the rigging but the four-storey Lochead Distillery maltings, which was built on its right-hand side between 1900 and 1905, is not there yet.

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# Shops to benefit from makeover

A number of shopfronts in Campbeltown are to benefit from a makeover as a result of funding from Argyll and Bute Council's Shopfront Improvement Scheme.

More than 20 shops in the town centre have been awarded grants from the scheme to enable them to make external improvements, with work having recently started at McLean Place in Main Street – one of the first properties to benefit.

As well as helping existing businesses, the scheme has also attracted new ones to the area, with two separate businesses making plans to open a restaurant and a tearoom in the town.

Council leader Councillor Aileen Morton said: 'Campbeltown has already seen a huge transformation since the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) and Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) projects were introduced 13 years ago, not only in appearance but also the number of new businesses that have opened in the town centre. The Campbeltown Shopfront Improvement Scheme will only help to build on the success of these.

'We want to provide a sustainable economic future for



What was formerly McGochan's pub is to benefit from the Shopfront Improvement Scheme.

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Argyll and Bute. We want to build a future that recognises the value of its built heritage, while making it a better place to live, work, and invest.

'Our vision is to attract people to live and work here, and to build a prosperous future for the area. Improvement projects like this are just one of the ways we are working to attract employers to the area and we will continue to do everything we can to give Argyll and Bute the future it deserves.'

The Campbeltown Shopfront Improvement Scheme, through which all funding has now been

committed, follows on from the successful Campbeltown CARS and THI projects, which helped a number of property owners to repair historic buildings in the town centre.

The second round of CARS, a £2.7 million project that started in April 2015, has just come to an end with the final scaffolding at Mafeking Place being removed.

The project was funded by the council and Historic Environment Scotland. It was a continuation of the previous Campbeltown CARS and Campbeltown THI that resulted in more than £7 mil-

lion being invested on town centre buildings, including Campbeltown Town Hall, significantly improving the appearance of the area.

Campbeltown is a designated conservation area and, as such, there are a number of planning regulations in place. Anyone wishing to make alterations to their property is therefore advised to get in touch with the council first to check if planning consent is required.

To enquire about whether or not planning permission is needed to make any alterations on a property, call 01546 605518.

## Success as Argyll bin reminders go digital

Argyll and Bute Council has been able to save 45,000 pieces of printed paper by offering residents a range of digital options to check when their bins are due to be uplifted.

And saving all that paper has brought financial as well as environmental benefits.

Previously, 48,000 paper calendars were delivered to homes throughout the area but this year anyone who was unable to make use of the internet to check when their bins would be uplifted could request a printed calendar.

Just more than 3,000 people took up the offer, meaning 96 per cent of households are using alternatives to check when their bins need to go out.

Councillor policy lead for road, infrastructure services and housing, thanked residents for helping to reduce the council's carbon footprint.

'Every step we take as a council, and as individuals, is important, no matter how small it may seem,' he said.

'Our hard-working amenities team not only delivers a front-line service, but also makes sure the routes are planned efficiently and our vehicles are kept maintained.'

Councillor Rory Colville, who leads policy for customer support services, said: 'We've done a lot of work to offer residents as many ways as possible to get the information they need about their bin uplifts. I would encourage

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# Band's Six Nations experience was 'beyond all expectations'

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

One of the musicians who played with Campbeltown Brass as the band performed the French national anthem before Sunday's Scotland vs France Six Nations rugby match said the experience was 'beyond all expectations'.

Katrina Barr said: 'It was just amazing - I can't describe how good it was, from start to finish.'

Conductor Stephanie Mitchell added: 'It was an amazing experience - one I'll never forget.'

Campbeltown Brass was given the opportunity to perform before the televised match at Murrayfield Stadium after being recommended by the resident band, Whitburn, which was unavailable to perform.

The senior band's 35 members were joined by five friends, including former members who have now moved away from Campbeltown, to make up numbers, as 40 musicians were required to play.

Band members had an early start on Sunday, arriving at Murrayfield at 8.45am for their accreditation where members received their security passes. The process was thorough, with all instrument cases, suit carriers and bags being checked, meaning they had to head straight for their soundcheck at 10.30am afterwards.



Campbeltown Brass during the band's soundcheck at Murrayfield Stadium, left.

'We were all really nervous because we didn't know what to expect,' Katrina said, 'but we were given a chaperone for the day, who was wonderful. She put us at ease, told us exactly what to do, taking us through our soundcheck and marching us on and off the field.'

Katrina explained that the whole event was very well run, with another full dress rehearsal, timed to the millisecond, before the big, televised performance.

'The stadium was at capacity - there were 67,500 spectators,' Katrina added. 'There were fireworks and pyrotechnics; it was unbelievable.'

She says those watching on television missed the build



And below, Campbeltown Brass on the pitch before the match kicked off.

up before the match, which included a set by Tide Lines after which the Scottish pop/rock band accompanied 120 Highland dancers as the national flags were brought out.

'The French fans were singing pretty much bang in time with us,' Katrina said. 'Stephanie has had messages from professional musicians congratulating her on keeping the tempo a really good

speed for the French fans.'

The band not only represented Campbeltown during the performance but also one of the town's oldest brands as all players sported new soft-shell jackets

featuring the Springbank Distillery logo as well as the band's. Katrina said: 'Having the Springbank jackets was a God-send. It was so cold! We were standing on the sidelines for quite a while, so massive thanks to Springbank for sponsoring them.'

The band was not allowed to stay and watch the rugby match but must have been a lucky charm for the Scottish national team, which won 28-17.

Whitburn has already said that members of Campbeltown Brass are welcome to perform alongside its players at future matches, and the full band is in with a chance of filling the slot at other matches Whitburn cannot attend.

Katrina said the performance was among the band's top experiences. 'All the younger players are just raving about it,' she said.

The senior band had a busy weekend, performing at the Scottish Championships at Perth Concert Hall on Saturday. The band placed eighth, securing its place in the section for another year.

Campbeltown residents were lucky to get a preview of both pieces the band performed at the weekend - Legacy, the set test piece at the championships, and La Marseillaise, France's national anthem - at an open rehearsal at the Masonic Lodge on Thursday March 4.

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## Closure of Skipness school moves a step closer

The end of Skipness Primary School is a step nearer as a recommendation to accept a proposal to close it has been put to councillors, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

The school has been mothballed since 2016 and has had no pupils enrolled during that time. The annual cost of mothballing the school to Argyll and Bute Council is more than £1,600 and it would cost £75,000 to bring the building back up to a required standard for the next school year in August.

Members of the council's community services committee were due to debate the proposal at a meeting yesterday (Thursday March 12).

If accepted, the plan to close the school will be subject to statutory consultation under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

A report by Douglas Hendry, executive director with responsibility for education, said: 'It is proposed that education provision at Skipness Primary School be discontinued with effect from October 28, 2020.'

'The catchment area of Tarbert Primary School shall be extended to include the current catchment area of Skipness Primary School.'

'Skipness Primary School has been mothballed for three years. The school roll is very low and not predicted to rise in the near future. The annual cost of the mothballing of the building is £1,641. While the school is mothballed, the building is deteriorating with limited budget for maintenance.'

'Along with several other rural councils, Argyll and Bute is facing increasing challenges in recruiting staff. At the time of writing there are 12 full-time equivalent vacancies for teachers in Argyll and Bute.'

The school's future first went out to consultation after the committee's September meeting and an options appraisal event was also held in October, with 22 people in attendance.

The report added: 'Of the 22 community members that attended the options appraisal engagement event, no one was in support of reopening the school.'

# Clachan raises its seventh Green Flag

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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Pupils at Clachan Primary School are celebrating this week after earning their seventh Eco-Schools Green Flag.

Run by Keep Scotland Beautiful, Eco-Schools is the largest sustainable schools programme in the world and encourages young people to take steps to ensure the environment is looked after.

Pupils and staff celebrated the achievement at a recent event at the school attended by Kintyre and Islands Councillor Anne Horn, and Argyll and Bute's Michael Russell MSP and Brendan O'Hara MP.

A lunch was served after the children put on some performances about the implications of climate change.

The school signed up to the scheme 16 years ago and since then it has gone from strength



The pupils of Clachan Primary School have earned their seventh Green Flag.

to strength, introducing a number of initiatives to become more eco-friendly. For example, pupils have introduced a ban on using glitter and all single-use plastics in the school; they have created their very own eco garden and wormery, and they compost all their raw waste; they take part in regular beach cleans; thermal blinds have

also been fitted to the school windows; and children have made a conscious effort to cut down on the number of paper towels they use.

One of the most significant changes that has been made is the decision to change the school jumpers to a material that uses more cotton than microfibers to prevent them being released into the envi-

ronment while being washed. The school's achievement was highlighted in a motion submitted to the Scottish Parliament on Wednesday by Donald Cameron MSP for the Highlands and Islands.

Mr Cameron said: 'It is inspiring that the school, since it adopted the scheme some 16 years ago, has made so many changes which help the environment, including the creation of an eco-garden.'

'This represents a sustained effort by pupils and staff over a long time and I am sure the entire community will be very proud of their achievement.'

'My warm congratulations to everyone involved.'

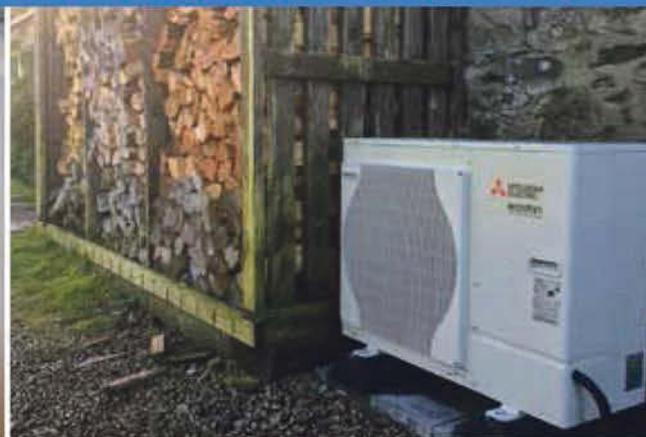
Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for education, Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, said: 'What an amazing achievement, especially for such a small school. The staff, pupils and parents should all be proud of themselves.'



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## Praise for early learning and childcare staff

Argyll and Bute Council says it is leading the way when it comes to phasing in the 1,140 hours of early learning and childcare offered in Scotland.

More than three-quarters of the providers are now offering the additional hours. A total of 70 childcare settings and 14 childminders in the area are already offering the 1,140 hours.

As a result of this work, 74.3 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) posts have been created to date.

This is part of a national policy introduced by the Scottish Government to increase the current 600 hours of funded childcare on offer to 1,140 hours from August this year.

These hours are available to all three and four-year-olds and eligible two-year-olds.

The increase in hours is intended to support child development, help close the attainment gap through the provision of high-quality services and support parents and carers to return to work, train or study.



Councillor Yvonne McNeilly

Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, who leads education policy, said: 'We are well on our way to ensuring that all our settings are equipped to offer the increased hours by August; we have either opened, or are in the process of opening, a number of new early years units to cope with demand, including two new outdoor nurseries.'

She added: 'We have a committed team of early years staff who work tirelessly for the benefit of our young people and it is clear they have their best interests at heart.'

'They must all be congratulated on their hard work; they are a credit to the area.'

# School's Old Largie Project to be showcased at museum

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Family, friends and members of the public are invited to join pupils from Rhunahaorine Primary School as work from their Old Largie Project is showcased at Campbeltown Museum this weekend.

An invitation is open to those who would like to attend the official opening of the children's exhibits of their work at 2pm on Saturday.

There will be a short opening ceremony and cutting of the ribbon before people will be allowed in to view the children's work on the history of Largie Estate and the MacDonald family.

The pupils have worked on the project for months, visiting Pollok House in Glasgow, as well as the MacDonald family crypt at Killean.

They also met an archaeologist and Kilmartin Museum's education and outreach officer to carry out a survey of



the ruins of Old Largie Castle, which sits beside the school and features on its logo.

There will be tours of Old Largie Castle from the school later this month and early next month.

The tours will leave from the school at 1.45pm on Wednesday March 18, Friday March 27, and Thursday April 2.

Last November, archaeologist Roddy Regan helped the children measure the ruins of Old Largie Castle, which features on the school's logo.



Members of Castlehill Primary School's pupil council with Kerry McGeachy, giving out fruit to fellow students.

## Castlehill pupils enjoy fresh fruit on 'Wellbeing Wednesday'

Pupils at Castlehill Primary School can tuck into a piece of fresh fruit for just 20p on 'Wellbeing Wednesdays' thanks to the generosity of Campbeltown's Tesco store, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

The supermarket has provided the fruit, free of charge, every two weeks since August.

It can be purchased from the fruit tuck shop, which is run by the school's

pupil council and Kerry McGeachy.

Castlehill Primary School would like to thank Tesco for providing this fruit which has encouraged pupils to eat more healthily.



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From left, the dippers were: Su Black, Emma Macalister Hall, Danni Goldsack, Judith Jones, Amanda Curley and Trish Collins.

## Kintyre wild swimmers make a splash for International Women's Day

A group of wild swimmers from East Kintyre took to the chilly water last Sunday in honour of International Women's Day.

International Women's Day is celebrated annually around the world on March

8 and is a focal point for women's rights' movements.

The swimmers raised £70 which will be donated to the Campbeltown branch of Argyll and Bute Women's Aid.

Trish Collins, one of

those who took to the sea on Sunday, said: 'We swim most Sundays at 9am but the majority of the time it is when the mood and weather allows - but there is someone in the water most days at Torrisdale Bay.'

# HES funding on offer for Year of Coast and Waters

Historic Environment Scotland (HES) is encouraging organisations with community-based projects in Argyll and Bute to apply for its new Coasts and Waters Heritage Fund which was launched on Monday.

Grants of up to £20,000 are being awarded.

Jane Ryder OBE, who chairs the organisation, said: 'For thousands of years, communities across Scotland have lived and worked along or near water and the Year of Coasts and Waters provides an excellent opportunity to engage people with our coastal and waterway heritage.'

'Through this new grant programme, we are encouraging communities not only to celebrate our coasts and waters, but also to explore opportunities to adapt to the effects of climate change and help to ensure this important aspect of our heritage is pro-

ected for future generations.'

As part of the new scheme for the Year of Coasts and Waters, grants of between £3,000 and £20,000 will be available for projects which help communities to protect, promote or engage with Scotland's coastal or inland waterway.

This includes projects which are developing and implementing measures 'to enhance resilience and adapt to climate change'.

While community groups are encouraged to apply, the scheme is open to all organisations throughout the country.

All applicants, however, should demonstrate how their project will benefit their community.

This could be through developing traditional skills, stabilising historic or marine structures, hosting community outreach and education-

al activities, or increasing people's understanding of Scotland's coasts and waters heritage.

The Coasts and Waters Heritage Fund is a one-off, competitive fund to celebrate Scotland's themed year and applications will close on Sunday May 31.

The launch of the Coasts and Waters Heritage Fund follows the publication of HES's Climate Action Plan which outlines an ambitious programme of climate commitments over the next five years and beyond, in response to the climate crisis.

To apply for the Coasts and Waters Heritage Fund, an expression of interest must be made by Thursday April 30. Applications will close on Sunday May 31.

For more information visit <http://www.historicenvironment.scot/ycw2020-heritage-fund>

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Jane Ryder OBE photographed at Newhaven Harbour with a print from the 1890s.

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# A day in the life of the Wee Toon's stop smoking adviser

Caroline Glen tells the Campbeltown Courier how the support and services she delivers help people to improve their health and wellbeing

With No Smoking Day having just passed on Wednesday March 11, many smokers are likely to be considering giving up the habit, and thankfully advisers from Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) are there to help and support them.

Campbeltown-based Caroline Glen is one of those advisers, and has more than six years' experience.

She provides Quit Your Way Stop Smoking services to people living in the area, and the support and services she delivers help people to change their lifestyle behaviour and to improve their health and wellbeing.

Caroline is skilled in listening to clients, offering advice and explanations about the support and services to help people to become smoke-free.

She is also trained to engage, influence and persuade others, whilst motivating them to reach their goal of quitting smoking.

She continues to develop her skills and recently completed new national stop



Caroline Glen says it feels 'really rewarding' helping people to stop smoking.

smoking advisor training held at the University of Stirling.

Caroline had a No

Smoking Day display in Campbeltown Health Centre on Wednesday to celebrate with community

members who sought support to help them quit smoking.

She said: 'I encourage people to never start smoking in the first place because evidence shows that most people who already smoke want to stop.'

'I provide a non-judgemental service and really look forward to meeting members of the community to offer tips about stopping smoking and information on local services and free medications.'

Caroline enjoys helping people to stop smoking successfully and overcome their smoke-free challenges.

She also highlighted the improvement that quitting smoking makes to people's lives.

She runs a weekly clinic at Campbeltown Dental Centre and makes scheduled visits to deliver Smoke-Free sessions at Campbeltown Library too.

Caroline added: 'I enjoy meeting new people and spending one-to-one time with people wanting to stop smoking.'

'It can feel like a really big

step coming to meet me, so I always ensure that clients feel welcomed, supported and most importantly listened to.'

'I always explain that the NHS Quit Your Way Stop Smoking Service is free, support is generally provided over a 12-week programme and I will see them regularly to provide support and review their progress.'

'I work with my clients to find out how to successfully help them stop.'

'It's important to explore the client's thoughts on stopping smoking, their experiences as well as their smoking habits.'

'I also talk through and explain the medications available, discuss what would be best for them and I arrange for these to be prescribed by their doctor or through their local pharmacy.'

Caroline offers to measure clients' carbon monoxide readings, which is the poisonous chemical produced by smoking tobacco. Carbon monoxide is measured by breathing into a tube; the reading

shows just how much is in the body and often clients find this a real motivating factor, especially when they see how much the reading goes down when they have stopped for a few days.

Caroline's clients' feedback that stopping smoking with her help has produced great health benefits to themselves and others, as well as saving money – which is another motivating factor for them to quit.

Evidence shows that people are four times more likely to stop smoking when supported by a stop smoking adviser.

'It feels really rewarding to know that our work makes such a big difference,' Caroline said, 'and I would encourage anyone thinking about stopping to get in touch.'

Email [caroline.glen@nhs.net](mailto:caroline.glen@nhs.net) or calling 01586 555372.

Alternatively, smoking cessation specialist Jill Denton, who covers Mid Argyll, Islay and Kintyre, can be contacted by emailing [jill.denton@nhs.net](mailto:jill.denton@nhs.net) or calling 07707 868351.



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## Church celebrates World Day of Prayer

A'Chleit Church joined the global celebration of World Day of Prayer on Friday March 6.

The service was held at A'Chleit but in keeping with the ethos of the event it involved many more people. The order of service was compiled by the women of Zimbabwe and the local interpretation involved contributors from Clachan, Gigha and Southend as well as A'Chleit.

A spokesperson said: 'A salient point of this service is that it is unchanging and worldwide, so participants are aware that they are part of an international initiative and that as one service ends another group in another time-zone will be repeating the same prayers and singing the same hymns. It can be a humbling experience.'

The group at A'Chleit was extremely fortunate in that one of the members, Anne Parkhouse, had worked in what was then Rhodesia, so was able to transport those present to the heat, sounds

and experiences of another culture, and they were also able to admire the various artefacts she had brought along.

'Her obvious affection for the country enabled us to relate more readily to what we were learning,' said the spokesperson. 'About 40 people of West Kintyre can now say "Hello" in the languages of the Shona people and of the Ndebele people. This was a most uplifting afternoon.'

Pat McMillan, who organised the event, managed to attract a wide range of readers and other contributors. The singing, accompanied by Maggie Young on the electronic organ, was uplifting, and enhanced by the fact that gradually more men are attending.

Refreshments provided by members of Killean and Kilchenzie Guild, were served by Helen Steel, Jill Lines and Janet Hamilton.

The collection for the Scottish committee for the World Day of Prayer raised £168.

# Technology changes face of service delivery

Argyll and Bute Council has said making best use of technology available is changing the way it delivers roads and infrastructure services, protecting travellers and staff, reducing carbon emissions, and saving time and money.

The Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee heard on Thursday March 5 that technology was providing and processing data that helped to deliver front line services, including:

- Electronic ticketing on council run ferries, allowing people to book online or by mobile phone app;

- Sophisticated systems monitoring weather, helping the council to plan winter roads maintenance. As well as following weather on satellite imagery, the council has 12 roadside weather stations measuring surface temperature, residual salt levels,



**Councillor Robin Currie, policy lead for housing, roads and infrastructure services.**

moisture and air temperature etc, allowing local decisions on how and when to treat roads for ice and snow to be made;

- All roads' maintenance information, service requests and work orders are held on one system which manages the work more efficiently, saving both time and money;

- 93 per cent of Argyll and

Bute's street lighting has been switched to LEDs, reducing the energy used by 50 per cent. These bulbs have a much longer life span meaning they need to be replaced less frequently, which saves time and money;

- Drones are now used to carry out topographical and visual surveys in hard-to-reach places;

- Use of Computer Aided Design (CAD) in technical design work produces highly accurate drawings that can be viewed at different scales, cutting down on paper and again saving money;

- Tracking systems on vehicles ensure that staff working on their own in remote locations have support from supervisors and managers in emergencies; and

- The council is adding more electrical vehicles to its fleet, thanks to funding from Transport Scotland, now that

battery range is more viable for the geography of Argyll and Bute.

Councillor Robin Currie, policy lead for housing, roads and infrastructure services, said: 'We deliver some services that no other councils provide, to more islands than any other council. Without taking full advantage of technology, it would become more and more difficult to meet the needs of our residents, make decisions based on local conditions and support our staff who work remotely.'

'Savings made – for example, changing to more efficient and effective lighting – go to help protect front-line services and support our climate change ambitions.'

'I look forward to what the future brings as we continue to find ways of improving our service delivery through best use of what technology can offer.'

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**Scottish Charity Air Ambulance chief executive David Craig, left, with Stuart Gray, events director at Knockhill.**

## Funding boost for charity air ambulance

Air ambulances are a familiar and reassuring sight in the skies around the West Highlands and a lot of fundraising work goes into keeping them flying.

Knockhill Racing Circuit, the popular motor sport venue near Dunfermline, which attracts around 175,000 visitors each year, has already raised £5,500 online for Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA) and is gearing up to raise funds for it again this season.

Stuart Gray, director of events at Knockhill, said: 'Eighteen months ago we introduced optional giving

at checkout on our website and set a £5,000 target. We have now raised more than £5,500 which is fantastic.'

'We have been supporting SCAA in kind for several years with promotional material in our events programmes, stands and bucket collections at events and ticket and memorabilia donations for fundraising events.'

Knockhill Racing Circuit chose SCAA as its charity after one of its employees was airlifted to hospital following an accident on the A9. 'The speed he was airlifted to hospital care undoubtedly saved

his life,' said Mr Gray. Nick Harvey, director of fundraising and communications at SCAA, said the charity was 'hugely grateful' for Knockhill and the racing community's ongoing support.

'SCAA relies entirely on public donations and Knockhill's fundraising will literally help save lives,' he said. 'Drivers and motorcyclists understand the vital role an air ambulance plays when things go horribly wrong on our roads and its support will help ensure SCAA is there for those most in need anywhere in Scotland.'



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WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE

## Music club welcomes the Ugly Bug Ragtime Three

The members of trad jazz trio Ugly Bug Ragtime Three are to swing into Campbeltown later this month.

Kintyre Music Club welcomes the group which brings together three of Scotland's finest jazz musicians to play a wonderful mix of hot rags, blues and stomps from the golden age of jazz, all delivered with real drive, swing and verve by the wee band with the big sound.

Ugly Bug Ragtime Three have played at jazz festivals all over their native land often playing with special guests, including Enrico Tomasso, Leroy Jones, Pete Rudeforth, Nic Ball and Roy Williams.

The band – comprising John Burgess, Ross Milligan and Andy Sharkey – have re-

leased three albums – 2014's C'Mon Meet The Ugly Bug Ragtime Three and 2016's Meet Me Tonight In Dream Land, as well as an EP with the wonderful piano player Brian Kellock.

John Burgess on clarinet and saxophone has played at jazz festivals and clubs all over the world, from the USA and Canada to Northern Africa, the Middle East and Europe.

John has also played on more than 100 recordings.

He has played and recorded with Jon Erik Kelso, Scott Robinson, Digby Fairweather, Forrie Cairns, Ian Bateman, Jim Fryer, Jim Mullen, Tom Kincaid, Stephanie Trick, Keith Nichols, TJ Johnson and Max Bygraves.

Ross Milligan's guitar and banjo has graced live and studio sessions with artists as diverse as The Pasadena Roof Orchestra, Trip Hop Artist Tricky, Horse, Pee Wee Ellis, Ute Lemper, Barbara Morrison, the BBC Symphony Orchestra, Sir George Martin and The Scottish Guitar Quartet.

Ross has also written music for the films Get Happy (2015) and Butterflies of Bill Baker (2013), and his compositions have appeared on TV worldwide.

An increasingly familiar face on the Scottish jazz scene, Andy Sharkey's string bass has graced sessions with singers Todd Gordon and Niki King, pianists Brian Kellock and Euan Stevenson, saxophonist

Konrad Wisniewski and guitarist Nigel Clark. Andy has toured in the UK and US with West End hit musical The Rat Pack.

The trio will perform at the Lorne and Lowland Church Hall on Friday March 20.

Tickets for the concert, which begins at 7.30pm, can be bought at the door for £10, while entry is free of charge for students and children.

**Ugly Bug Ragtime Three members John Burgess, Andy Sharkey and Ross Milligan will swing into Campbeltown.**



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# Ultimate Legends take t

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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It was a night of music, fun and laughter when Paul Tayler's Ultimate Legends descended on Campbeltown Bowling Club.

Tribute acts to musical icons such as Elton John, Freddie Mercury, David Bowie, Michael Jackson, Prince, George Michael and Michael Bublé took to the stage at the clubhouse last Saturday night.

But the acts did not remain on stage – many moved throughout the hall and interacted with audience as they sang, with some even performing atop the tables!

Complete with outfits, wigs and make-up matching their namesakes, the performers sang a range of classic tunes to which the crowd could not resist singing along.



From left, 'Michael Bublé' takes to the stage. KC\_c11ultimatelegends01; Many of the tributes, including Michael Bublé in this photograph, performed on top of the tables. KC\_c11ultimatelegends04; Shirley Bannatyne with Paul Taylor's version of Michael Bublé. KC\_c11ultimatelegends03

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# to the stage



Working hard behind the bar all evening were, from left: Jessie Andrew, Susan Gilchrist, Jean Miller and Catherine McEachran. KC\_c11ultimatelegends05

## Coffee morning raises vital funds for Retired not Expired

A coffee morning in aid of 1000 Voices' Retired not Expired project raised almost £400, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

As with all 1000 Voices projects, Retired not Expired aims to reduce social isolation and loneliness in people aged 65 and over.

Last Saturday's coffee morning in the SKDT Hall in Kirk Street featured refreshments, home-baking, a raffle and a tombola.

Michele Prout, 1000 Voices project coordinator, said: 'The event went very well. I would like to thank the following people who made it possible: Kirsteen Challoner, Christine Duncan, Jean Kirk, Nancy Armour, Margaret Wallace, Margaret Mathieson and Doris McQuilkan.

'It was a real group effort and we are delighted to say we raised £382. This will enable us to provide more activities for the seniors within the community.'

The organisers received some 'fantastic' prizes for



The SKDT Hall was packed. KC\_c11coffeemorn03; Enjoying a blether with friends at the coffee morning. KC\_c11coffeemorn02; Margaret Mathieson and Betty McIntyre enjoyed a cuppa. KC\_c11coffeemorn01

the raffle. The star prize was a free tour and tasting session at Glen Scotia Distillery, while the runner-up prizes were a free blow-dry at Snips

Hairdressers and a bottle of whisky. Michele added: 'Thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle and baked for us.'

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Lewis Semple provided the music. KC\_c11firsttuesday01; while his mum Jackie Fulton told of her travels by bus. KC\_c11firsttuesday02

## Mother and son perform at First Tuesday event

This month's First Tuesday words and music event at Aqualibrium featured a mother and son duo.

Jackie Fulton, local Tai Chi guru, provided the words, while her son, Lewis Semple, was responsible for the musical offerings.

Once again a sizeable audience enjoyed a relaxed and laid back evening from the library's comfortable seats.

Lewis treated everyone to a selection of his thoughtful, tuneful, lyrical songs full of depth and insight. Balancing this were Jackie's lighthearted

vignettes of travel on the 926 bus and the array of delightful characters she meets along the way.

Next month sees a musical performance by Anne Leith, Les Oman and Alex Johnson, with poetry from Angus Martin.

It will take place on the First Tuesday of the month – April 7 – at 7pm.

Anyone who would be keen to perform either songs or spoken word at future events is invited to email kytcat@hotmail.com or call 07913 203610.

# Perfect way to spend extra day

It was an unforgettable evening in Tarbert Village Hall as Scottish singer-songwriter Eddi Reader and her band played a sold-out show on Saturday February 29 – the leap year's extra day.

It is not the first time Eddi has performed in Tarbert, but the 2020 gig showcased songs and stories from her 40 years in the music business.

Known both for her work with folk/soft rock band Fairground Attraction and for an enduring solo career, Eddi is the recipient of three BRIT Awards and has topped both the album and singles charts.

She wowed the Tarbert crowd with Fairground Attraction classics, Find My Love and Perfect, as well as material from her solo career, including her smash



Eddi Reader and her band on stage in Tarbert.

hit Robert Burns album. An event spokesperson said: 'It was a truly beautiful sound to hear the Tarbert audience singing along to the tracks, a real goosebump feeling on what was a shocking night outside the hall.

'Eddi ensured a warm and cosy atmosphere inside, as she not only possesses the voice of an angel but is a wonderful storyteller too.'

The Tarbert show was kicked off in spectacular fashion with a special video

from magician Billy Reid, who brings his Watch Closely tour to Tarbert at the end of this month, followed by sets from Mid Argyll rockers FLW and Loch Fyne Pipe Band before Eddi and her band took the stage.

Eddi said: 'It's such a pleasure to come round and play here and the audience is always brilliant. We would love to come back again and again. Thanks to everyone who came out to see us and to the organisers for treating us so well.'

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With the boating season fast approaching, it's time to gear up and get your boat ready for the water and the forthcoming summer season.

Many owners want their craft launched for Easter weekend in early April and have booked slots with their boatyard. Getting a time for launching should be planned well in advance to avoid disappointment at this busy time of year. So contact the yard and co-ordinate to get a launch date if not already booked.

The poor weather over the last couple of months may have delayed essential maintenance being carried out on boats. With an improving prospect and better temperatures on the horizon, it's now time to 'bite the bullet' and get moving. There's nothing like a deadline to work to!

For many, fitting out is always last minute and it's important to prioritise jobs. If work is required from one of the boat professionals get in touch as soon as possible to book a slot since this is their busiest time of year.

Set your workload list down alongside tools and specific materials required. Add to this a general array of rags, silicone and grease, petroleum jelly, lubricating and penetrating oils, cleaning products, brushes, wet and dry sandpaper, rollers and tray, degreaser, rolls of tape, engine spares and treatments for your water and fuel tanks. It's often the best idea to work from the outside in so that if you run out of time to launch any work required inside can be done when the boat is in the water.





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OUTSIDE – HULL, TOPSIDES, KEEL ETC

Take a close look over the keel and keelboats for signs of rusting or pitting and wear at the keel to hull joint that may be more evident after winter layup. Deep pitting on the keel may indicate anode problems and will need taken back to bare metal and an epoxy protective coating applied before anti-fouling. Call in the professionals if anything looks suspect, for example movement between the keel and hull. It may be necessary to check the keel bolts.

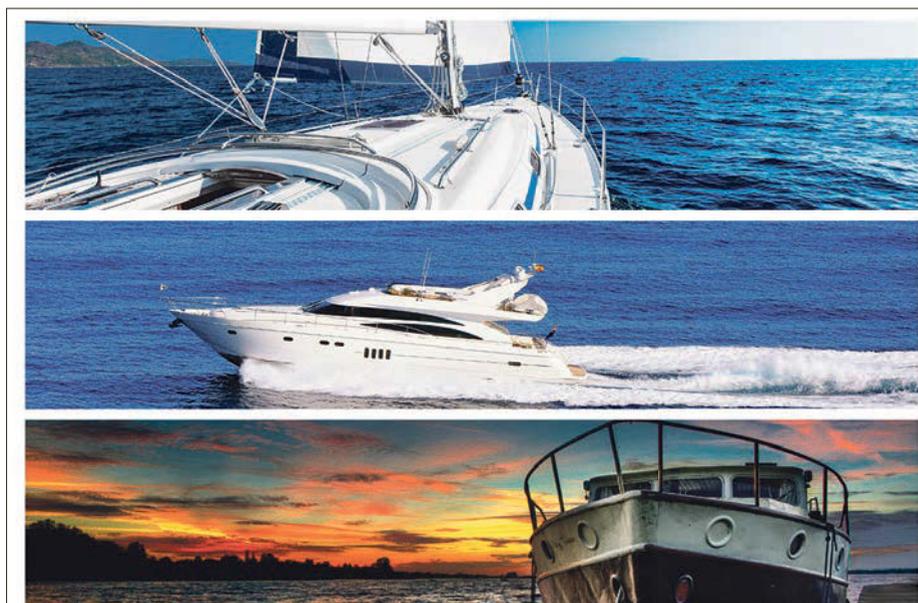
Look over the rudder and skeg fitments as well as the propeller and check for any play in bearings, stock or quadrant. Make sure the bonding wires from the anode are sound and replace the anode as required. Grease the shaft, steering cables and the log's paddle wheel.

If antifouling has built up then removing it is difficult and time consuming. However, it pays off since it improves the efficiency of boat movement in the water. A variety of scrapers are available but care needs to be taken not to damage the hull, whether

this is gel coat or wood or other. If going to the trouble of full removal, it pays to apply a protective epoxy coating before re-anti-fouling. There are a number of products on the market so seek advice from your chandlery for the best one. If not fully removing the anti-fouling, then sand over the surface with wet and dry to give a good key for the new paint. A smooth surface will pay dividends for re-application and help reduce fouling for the season. Remember to wear fully protective clothing and a face mask.

The choice of anti-fouling products on the market is huge ranging from powerboat finishes to cruising and racing coatings. The choice will depend on boat type and use and location of mooring. Advice from a chandler or boatyard and fellow boat owners in the same area will ensure the best decision on product.

Apply according to instructions with a stronger build-up in high impact areas – the leading edge of the keel and skeg and the keel to hull joint. A long handled radiator roller can be a good option to give an even finish with a paint brush to reach more inaccessible points. Some antifouling requires only one appli-



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cation; others need a few depending on longevity required. If stored on a cradle or stocks, leave some antifouling for painting the underside of the keel and cradle support points before the boat is launched while in the hoist.

The topsides will require a thorough clean up and polish. Repair any problem area such as chips or crazing in the gelcoat as required. Where gelcoat is older it may need hard work to get the original finish back. Then apply a protective wax and polish well to keep the boat looking pristine throughout the season. Again, an extensive range of products is on offer for all requirements.

#### DECK GEAR, RIGGING AND ANCHORS

Over the winter, dirt, debris and verdigris will have built up on deck if the boat is outside and will need a good scrubbing with perhaps an anti-mould treatment. Teak decks require their own specialist treatment and there is advice on what best to use from the chandlery and on-line forums. Deck gear needs checking for wear and tear if this was not done at layup. Check the stanchion bases for any cracks and any corrosion in lifelines, particularly under plastic sheathing. Replace if suspect. Inspect rigging on



for broken strands and any cracking at terminals and renew if necessary. Remember if any aspect of rigging is dangerous, boat insurance could be invalid. Your local sail rigging firm specialist will carry out a rig inspection for you if you are in any doubt. It's good to have a check over from the professionals since they can correctly tension the rig which improves efficiency under sail.

Instrumentation and furling equipment at the masthead should be checked in case work is required before the mast is stepped.

Winches need to be overhauled. Strip down any that are seized – soak components in degreaser and re-grease. If warps and sheets were removed for winter then this is the time to check over, renew and replace as required.

Similarly, look for corrosion on anchors and chain. Clean manual windlasses, check for wear and grease. Remove the gypsy in powered versions, grease the drum, look at the foot switch for wear, clean and grease electrical connections.

All wood on deck, teak slats etc should be cleaned, or if preferred oiled or varnished and paintwork touched up and stainless polished. This is an ideal time also for cleaning and maintenance of spray hoods and other cockpit coverings.

#### THE POWERHOUSE - ENGINES FUEL TANKS AND GAS SYSTEMS

Both inboards and outboards need serviced and this is most often done by a professional whether by your boatyard or an independent engineer.

If carrying out your own service, the oil, filters and anodes should be renewed and exhaust fittings checked. Inspect impellers, engine belt tension and mounts as well as the underside of the shaft – re bed if any leaks are apparent. It's essential to keep spares of everything you think you may need on the boat during the season so order two of everything and store onboard in case required.

With sail-drives check the oil level and gaiter seal as well as the earthing wires from the starter motor. Replace if there is any wear on hose and electrical connections.

Check out the state of boat batteries which need to be up to charge and holding before launching. Ideally, batteries will have been stored on trickle charge over lay-up, so if not, re-charge now and monitor electrolyte levels if unsealed. Ensure the battery tray is dry and tighten securing straps making sure all gas vents are clear. Clean terminals and coat with petroleum jelly.

Fuel tanks should be full from laying up. If not, drain water off and treat with a diesel biocide. Inspect the gas system regularly and thoroughly. A qualified gas engineer will ensure the system conforms to current gas regulations and any suspect hoses and fittings should be replaced to manufacturer's recommendations.

#### INSIDE THE BOAT – BILGES AND SEACOCKS

It's a good idea to start from the bilges up. Inspect pump impellers and gaskets, grease and replace if necessary. With automatic bilge pumps, see float switches work and the strum box is clear. Manual strum boxes should be pumped through to see hose is clear of blockages. Service seacocks.

#### CABIN

Most owners install a de-humidifier and heater over the winter to keep mould at bay so the interior should be dry. Clean up if not already attended to over the winter. Wash out all the lockers before replacing equipment and remember to display a list of where everything is stored in the boat. Clean the galley and check burners on gas cookers. Look over berth cushions and other soft furnishings checking for any damp if they have not been taken off for the winter for storage. Re-install for the season ahead and keep everything well aired.

#### WATER TANKS AND HEADS

Any water left in the water tank should be pumped through and a purifier added before re-filling for use. Flush through the heads adding washing up liquid/vinegar to lubricate the hoses and pumps. Check the boat's central heating system is working and maintain as required. Re-install any communication, navi-

gation and other equipment that was removed for winter storage.

#### SAFETY EQUIPMENT

The best time to go over safety equipment is at the end of the season which allows time to store properly and replace items if there are any issues. However, if this hasn't been done, it's essential now to see all equipment is in good condition since lives may depend on it. Fire extinguishers, flares, life-rafts, life-jackets should be inspected with items needing replaced or repaired if in any doubt as to condition of if out of date. It is also vital you check to make sure your vessel has the correct amount of flotation devices for the crew. Invert MOB lights to see they work and change bulb and batteries if not. Some WD40 on the copper contact strip inside should ensure good connection. Silicone grease rubber seals. The RNLI will carry out a free safety check on your boat equipment and lifeboat stations will check your lifejackets – this is really worthwhile. Liferrafts need to be inspected and if not already sent away for an overhaul, do so now. Similarly dinghy tenders should be blown up and checked for leaks and repaired as necessary.

Make an inventory of where safety equipment is stored and display prominently in boat – items can then be found quickly and easily in an emergency.

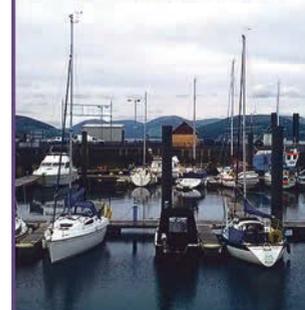
#### SAILS AND SPRAYHOODS

Sails are the powerhouse of the sailing vessel so it's important they are in good condition and sailmakers are on hand for advice on any aspect. With everyone pushing to get their boats ready for launching, the sail loft has their busiest time of year now, so book a slot early to get sails checked over and repaired or replaced as required. Similarly sprayhoods and other outdoor canvas should be checked for wear. If new sails are needed, order as soon as possible.

#### EXPERT ADVICE FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Professional advice is on hand from boatyards, engineers, marine service and repair firms as well as chandlers and sail-makers. Each has their own area of expertise and don't hesitate to contact them for advice and to carry out work as required.

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# Islay's Woodrow wins Kintyre ploughing match

A break in the recent wet weather meant this year's Kintyre Agricultural Society ploughing match could go ahead – but it was a wellies and oilskins affair.

There had been almost continuous wet weather in the six weeks prior but a drier spell in the week before the competition, and a drying wind on the day, meant Saturday's contest was able to go ahead on an excellent stubble field

at Machrihanish Farm by kind permission of the Pirie family.

This was due, in no small part, to the hard work of president Drew McKendrick and his team in the days leading up to the competition.

In a field of 15 competitors it was Fraser Woodrow, who had travelled from Islay, who was the overall winner on the day, picking up the RHAS ploughing match medal.



The cup winners with judges Colin Crawford, left, and John Walker, right, are: Ian Barbour, Fraser Woodrow, Michael Mayberry and Robert MacDonald. Photograph: Catherine Reid.

The judges were John Walker and Colin Crawford, and Joan Pirie presented the prizes at the end of the competition.

Kintyre Agricultural Society would like to thank the Pirie family for hosting the ploughing match, all competitors, John and Colin for judging, all sponsors and Olly McLean for catering.

Results: Class 1 (Under 12

inch): 1 Michael Mayberry, 2 Ben Bannatyne. Extra prizes: Best break: Michael Mayberry. Straightest: Michael Mayberry. Best first six furrows: Michael Mayberry. Best last six furrows: Michael Mayberry. Best ins and outs: Michael Mayberry. Best finish: Michael Mayberry.

Class 2 (12 inch and over): 1 Paul Newall, 2 Thomas Ralston; 3 Jamie Reid: Extra prizes: Best break: Thomas Ralston. Straightest: Paul Newall. Best first six furrows: Paul Newall. Best last six furrows: Iain McKendrick. Best ins and

outs: Jamie Reid. Best finish: Paul Newall.

Class 3 (Reversible): 1 Fraser Woodrow, 2 Drew McKendrick, 3 Richard McCrindle. Extra prizes: Best break: Drew McKendrick. Best first six furrows: Fraser Woodrow. Straightest: Fraser Woodrow. Best last six furrows: Fraser Woodrow. Best ins and outs: Drew McKendrick. Best finish: Fraser Woodrow.

Special prizes: First on field: Richard McCrindle. First finished: Richard McCrindle. Least experienced: Lewis Anderson. Youngest

competitor: Ben Bannatyne. Furthest travelled: Richard McCrindle. Oldest competitor: Gavin Reid. Best looking ploughman: Ben Bannatyne. Hardest luck: Murray Barbour. Worst plot: Jamie Reid. Tidiest yoke: Ian Barbour. Highest placed from outwith Kintyre: Fraser Woodrow.

Tractor prizes: Best maintained: Ben Bannatyne. Second best maintained: Jamie Reid. Oldest tractor: Michael Mayberry. Newest tractor: Fraser Woodrow.

Cup winners: Kintyre Agricultural Cup and winner of the RHAS Medal: Fraser Woodrow. Messrs Ralston Cup for winner in non-medal class: Michael Mayberry. John Cullen Cup for winner of Reversible Class: Fraser Woodrow. John McKay Cup for best lot by 25-year-old or younger: Robert MacDonald. Glenside Cup for most points using a Case/International tractor: Ian Barbour. Hamilton Bros Cup for most points using a Massey Ferguson tractor: Fraser Woodrow. Ford Cup for most points using a Ford tractor: Michael Mayberry.

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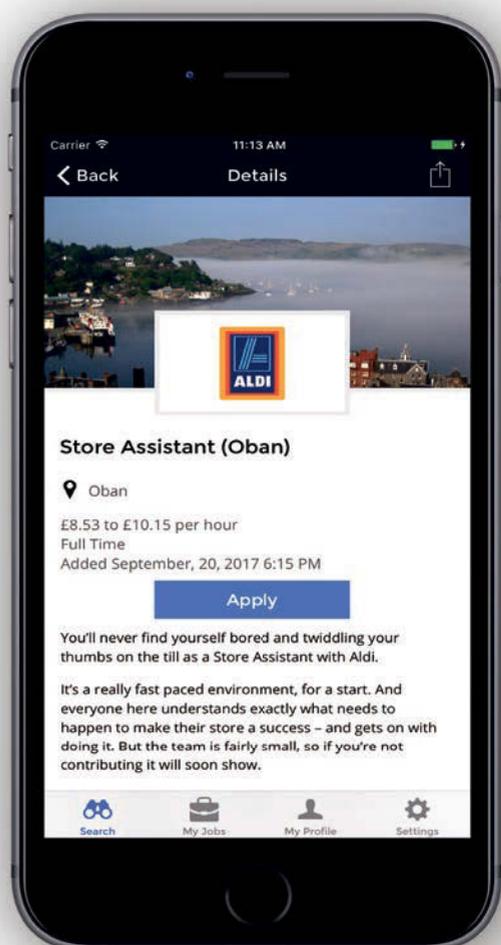
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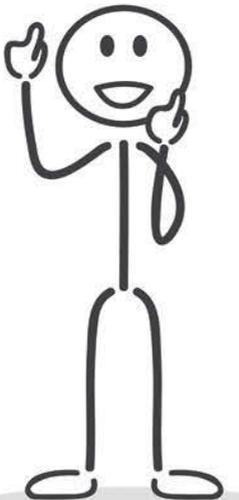
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**Thought for the Week**

with Marilyn Shedden

I love the book Jonathan Livingston Seagull, which has so many wonderful quotes and so much hidden wisdom. I also love the musical interpretation which Neil Diamond gave to the words and also added some of his own. My favourite is this one: 'Be - as a page that aches for a word which speaks on a theme that is timeless.'

Sometimes when I come to write 'Thought', I have no idea what to say. My mind is empty and as I sit before a blank page, I think maybe people think it's time I stopped 'thinking' as it has been 10 years now.

However, I thought about the empty page waiting quietly for some words, and I thought about the theme that is indeed 'timeless'. That, of course, has to be God, the timeless one, the infinite one, the one who was before time, is in time, and will be after time.

Where do I begin, I thought? Another song popped into my head, and the words seemed also to speak to me of God, of his love, in fact of the greatest love story ever told. The story of God's love for each one of us.

It goes like this:  
*'Where do I begin,  
To tell the story of how great a love can be,  
The sweet love story that is older than the sea,  
The simple truth about the love he brings to me,  
Where do I start?'*

If we were to write about God's love, we could use up every tree in the world for it is infinite, and that love story continues in each one of us.

There will be no blank pages for the story never ends.

**ISLAY AND JURA**

**MSP meets with SSE to discuss power difficulties**

Michael Russell MSP for Argyll and Bute has met with representatives of the SSE transmission network to discuss the difficulties for Islay and Jura caused by the failure of the power cable that links the islands to the mainland.



Michael Russell MSP has spoken to representatives from SSE about the issue.

He also heard about the plans in place to replace the cable at the first possible moment.

Mr Russell said: 'I was grateful to SSE for agreeing to the meeting in my office in Edinburgh and for the detailed information representatives gave me.'

'I sought the meeting after a number of complaints from Islay and Jura about power cuts and concern regarding the sustainability of the supply after the complete failure of the cable last November.'

'The cable is only five years old and the failure does not appear to have been caused by damage caused on the seabed.'

'The expected life of a cable is 25 years and some currently functioning cables are older so

this was an unexpected fault but SSE has responded to the challenge very quickly.

'It has secured the permissions it needs to replace the cable, which it decided early on was

the best solution. It has put in place temporary generation and has drafted in extra staff to the island to ensure the operation of the equipment.

'It recognises that there have

been more interruptions to supply since the cable failure than are acceptable, but some of them have been caused by lightning strikes and other circumstances outwith its control.

'SSE has been ready to put the new cable in place for some weeks but the weather has been against it. It needs three clear and reasonably calm days but the number of storms and the very high and heavy sea state between storms has not allowed it to do the job.'

'It continues to have a cable-laying ship on standby, ready to get to work as soon as the weather permits it. SSE assures me that will continue to be the case.'

'I know that this is a difficult situation for the island and for SSE but clearly much work is being done to try and mitigate it, and resolve it. I have agreed to keep in touch with SSE and I look forward to the matter being concluded at the earliest possible time.'

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[margaretpratt@btinternet.com](mailto:margaretpratt@btinternet.com)

The closing date for receipt of applications is Saturday April 4.

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DIAMOND WEDDINGS

BALLANTINE

**MCLEAN** - Jim to Kay, by Rev C M Henderson, on March 18, 1960, at Kilmichael-Glassary Church.

DEATHS

**COLVILLE** - Peacefully at home, Langa Farmhouse, Kilkenzie, on March 8, 2020, after a short illness, Mary MacCallum Kelly, in her 73rd year, dearly beloved wife of Rory Colville, much loved mum of Rory and Donald and a loving granny of Freya. A service will be held in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 1.00pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. A private cremation will take place, on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Kintyre Cancer and Palliative Fund.

**DUNCAN** - Ian Alexander. Peacefully, after a long illness, on Monday, March 2, 2020, at The Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, Ian, aged 94 years, beloved husband of the late Muriel, dearly loved dad and grandad. Funeral service and cremation to take place at Carlisle Crematorium, on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 3.00pm. Family flowers only, but donations if so desired, to Mental Health Foundation. All enquiries to Co-op Funeralcare, 32 Spencer Street, Carlisle. Telephone 01228 523467.

**KELLY** - Peacefully at home, 15b John Street, Campbeltown, on March 6, 2020, Flora Henderson, in her 80th year, dearly beloved wife of the late James Johnstone Kelly, much loved mum of Davie, Fiona and Morag, loving granny of Kerry, Leona, Laura, Andrew and Pamela and loving great granny of Connor, Maisie, Logan, Lyle and Remi.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**CAMERON** - The family of the late Catherine Brown Cameron (née MacGeachy) would like to thank everyone for the many cards and expressions of sympathy received following the recent sad loss of their mum. Heartfelt thanks to all staff of Glenarary Ward for their compassionate care and the staff of Ward 6C at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow who were exceptional. Sincere thanks to Rev Hilda Smith for her personal and uplifting service and Rev William Crossan for his service at Kilkerran, and also Ryan McGlynn for his musical accompaniment. Thanks also to Richard and staff at Kilmartin Hotel and to the Ardshiel Hotel, Campbeltown, for excellent catering; to Keli MacDougall for the beautiful floral tribute, and to Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald, Funeral Directors, for their professional and caring service. Finally, thank you to all who paid their last respects to Catherine at the church and graveside, especially those who travelled a great distance in difficult weather conditions. All very much appreciated by Shona, Sheena and their families. The collection for Marie Curie Mid Argyll raised £300.

**CARMICHAEL** - Margaret McKinven. Margaret's family thanks all who attended the celebration of her life, at the Lorne and Lowland Church, on March 6, 2020. Margaret was born at No 9 South Moy, and thanks to exceptional home care by Dr Anderson and Campbeltown Medical Practice, with NHS Highland, was able to end her days at her beloved Moy. Her lifelong friends, Mrs Helen McLean and the late Mrs Cathie McGowan, with Donald and Valerie McKay and their twins, were the spark in Margaret's enjoyment of life after John died. Malcolm and

Tracy McArthur played a vital role, supporting Margaret as her health deteriorated. Her love of music was beautifully brought to life by David McEwan and she would have thoroughly approved. The Reverend William Crossan delivered a personal and moving service, along with some humour. Catering by the Argyll Hotel, where Margaret and Cathie spent many a happy hour putting the world to rights, was an appropriate setting. Funeral Directors, T A Blair, organised and carried out a smooth, professional and personal service, which was very much appreciated. The retiring offering raised for church funds was £1,010. Thanks to all.

IN MEMORIAM

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- From all your family in Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead and away xxx.

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- Love always, Robbie xx.

**MACVICAR** - In loving memory of our dear mum (Peggy). We think about you every day Happy memories spring to mind Of one we loved with all our hearts And will 'til the end of time. - Love from all the family xxx.

CHURCH NOTICES

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686

**Sunday 15th March**  
11.15am Morning Worship  
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1  
Rev W Crossan  
**Monday 16th March**  
Guild 2.00pm  
New Hall  
**Tuesday 17th March**  
Tiny Tots 9.45 am  
New Hall  
BB Anchor Boys 6.00pm  
Junior Section 7.15pm  
Church Hall  
**Thursday 19th March**  
Choir Practice 7.00pm  
**Friday 20th March**  
Lunch Club 12.00 noon  
New Hall

HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH



SC002493

**Sunday 15th March**  
The service will be conducted by Mr Kelvin Moller and will be held in the church at 11.15am  
All welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
**Friday 13th March**  
SKY Youth Group Meeting at Springbank Church  
7.00 - 9.00pm  
**Sunday 15th March**  
Family Communion Service 11.00am  
Guest speaker John Ives  
All welcome  
Joint Evening Service 6.30pm  
Held at the SKDT Hall  
Speaker Rev Rodger Crooks  
**Wednesday 18th March**  
Bible Study 7.30pm  
All welcome  
Pastor Steve Davies  
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10.30am Morning Service  
Army Kidz 6.30pm Evening Service  
**Wednesday**  
Lunch Club 12.15pm  
CAMEO 1.30pm  
Make 'n' Munch Craft Group 7.00pm  
Major Ruth Russell  
All welcome  
Scottish Charity Number SC009359

CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH



George Street, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 15th March**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Rodger Crooks  
11.15am Sunday School 6.30pm Joint service in Campbeltown Community Church  
Speaker: Rev Rodger Crooks  
**Monday 16th March**  
4.00pm Road to Recovery  
**Wednesday 18th March**  
12 noon Prayer & Bible Study  
2.00pm Water of Life Cafe  
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**3rd Sunday of the month**  
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11.30am Morning Worship  
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7.00pm - 3 Braeface Alpha Week 6 Meal and video  
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**Sunday 15th March**  
Cumlodden Church 10.00am  
Inveraray Church 11.30am  
Westlochfyneside  
Charity No SC016665  
All welcome

# Pupils U13s celebrating after two wins in a row

The Campbeltown Pupils U13s are celebrating this week after winning two matches in a row in division C of Glasgow and District Youth Football League.

The young players were at Campbeltown's all weather pitch early last Sunday ahead of the noon kick-off in their home fixture against Haldane United.

The U13s knew what was needed against the strong travelling side, starting right from the whistle

and gaining confidence throughout the match.

The team is beginning to gel well together and there is a good level of understanding between the players.

The Pupils went into half time 2-2 and a word from coach Rhys Blair, who told them if their level of play continued they were in with a chance of winning, spurred them on.

Rhys said: 'Not only did they do what was asked but they executed it perfectly.

Despite rough tackles, they didn't let anything dampen their team spirit.'

In the end the Pupils won the match 6-4, a home win the week after an away victory.

The Sunday before, the U13s travelled through torrential rain for a fixture against Helensburgh.

It took the Kintyre side 10 minutes to get warmed up, but they opened the scoring and eventually won the match 5-3.



Rhys said: 'The football was fantastic.

'The team got into the swing of it and the plays

and runs they made were outstanding. They have set the bar for themselves now and need to keep it up.'

This Sunday, the Pupils U13s are at home to Helensburgh, with a 2pm kick-off.



From left: Gavin Semple and Hugh McCorkindale losing semi-finalists; Ryan McLachlan, Bobby Dalziel, Robert Coffield, David Brown, James Ronald, Gavin McLachlan; and Robert Millar and Alistair Graham, losing semi-finalists.

## McLachlan and Ronald win pairs

As the indoor bowling season winds down Campbeltown Bowling Club's open pairs, sponsored by Andrew Thompson Plastering and Decorating, was held in the Stronvaar clubhouse last week.

The competition, held on a round-robin basis, was whittled down to two semi-finals and the final on Thursday night, with the final between Robert Coffield and Ryan McLachlan of the host club and Gavin McLachlan Jr and James Ronald from Argyll Bowling Club.

The match was always close and could have gone either way but Gavin and James prevailed to take home the Archie Smith Cup.

The trophy and prizes were presented by new president David Brown and past president Bobby Dalziel on behalf of the sponsor.

## Results and fixtures

Last Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur FL: Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils 2, Neilston 1; Lochgilphead Red Sar v Dunoon, postponed; Premier Division Two - Houston United v Tarbert, postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur FL - Premier Division One - Busby v Campbeltown Pupils; Dunoon v Glynhill Moorcroft; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v Strathaven; Jimmy Marshall Cup, second round - Lochgilphead Red Star v Motherwell Thistle.

## Golf lotto results

There were no winners in the draw for Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lotto on Sunday March 8.

The winning numbers were 2, 7 and 18.

The next draw, for a jackpot of £600, will be held on Sunday March 22.

Tickets are available from committee members, the club steward, Muneroy Tearoom and the Burnside bar.

# Friday night is alright for fight

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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The members of one of Campbeltown's newest youth sports clubs impressed their family and friends when they displayed the mixed martial arts (MMA) moves they have mastered in the last few months.

Core MMA Campbeltown, founded in October last year, held an exhibition fight night last Friday evening, where its young members showed off their skills under the guidance of their coaches, Jimi McCallum, Warren Tait, Sarah Livingston and Sean McGeachy.

MMA is described as 'an extreme combat sport' in which contestants are allowed to use the fighting techniques of wrestling and boxing, as well as those of martial arts including kickboxing, judo and karate.

Many spectators were forced to stand at the back of the SKDT Hall as the rows of seats filled quickly with people eager to get a good view as the athletes took turns in bouts of boxing, K-1, Brazilian jiu-jitsu and MMA.

Jimi, founder of the club, whose main sponsor is Andrew Thompson Plastering and Decorating, said afterwards: 'What a brilliant display of skills and control from Core MMA - I've never been so proud! The youngsters were really nervous about showcasing the skills they have learned but in the end they all chose to do it.

'They all did amazingly well; I am so proud of them. What has been achieved in such a small space of time is a credit to the town.'



Top, members of Core MMA Campbeltown who took part in Friday's fight night with Jimi McCallum, left, Warren Tait, back right, and Sarah Livingston, front right. KC\_c11coremma01; above left, Glynn Harvey and Greg Sargent displaying their skills. KC\_c11coremma02; above right, Gregor Campbell and Aiden Hart take to the mat. KC\_c11coremma04; right, Niamh McSporrán and Violet Campbell in action. KC\_c11coremma03





Clockwise from far left: The Pupils U13s side which played against Haldane United. KC\_c11youngpupils01; Daniel McEachran in action on Sunday. KC\_c11youngpupils02; Calum McAllister keeps an eye on the ball during the match on Sunday. KC\_c11youngpupils03



The players who attended one of the recent walking football sessions. KC\_c11walkingfootball01

## Walking football kicks off in Campbeltown

It was a dark night in November 2019 when four excited players turned up to the Victoria Hall for the first session of walking football.

Numbers have gradually increased and at the last count there were 13 regulars, ranging in gender, age – early 40s to mid 70s – and ability – some played football, at varying levels, in their younger years and others are completely new to the game.

Initially introduced in 2012, walking football has become increasingly popular throughout the UK, with more than 100 clubs under the 'Walking Football Scotland' umbrella. The game has many health benefits, helping to improve general/mental health and mobility, as well as the social aspects – the boost players get from smiling, laughing and sweating their way through a session cannot be underestimated.

Walking football is a small sided version of the game where players are not permitted to run and, although this may sound straightforward, it can be surprising how hard it is to rein in the desire to get to that ball first.

Walking football is currently



Players must resist the urge to run to the ball. KC\_c11walkingfootball03

being held in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown, on Wednesday evenings, from 7pm to 8pm. Each session costs £3.30 and can be booked through Live Argyll at the Aqualibrium.

For further information, visit the Campbeltown Walking Football Facebook page, get in touch with Andrew Rathey by emailing andrewrathey@btinternet.com or calling 07989 811132, or go along to one of the sessions and have a look.

# new SPOT THE SHINTY BALL

Win!  
THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT  
£2550

We have removed the shinty ball from the photograph below. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 20 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1.

If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons.

**Easy to enter**  
Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 20 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to "Spot the Shinty Ball" Competition, The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HB by 2pm Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline.

You may hand it into any of our offices - The Oban Times, Lochavullin, Oban; The Lochaber Times, High Street, Fort William; The Campbeltown Courier, Main Street, Campbeltown; The Argyllshire Advertiser, Argyll Street, Lochgilphead or the Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

**Competition rules**  
No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.

The Company's decision is final on all matters relating to the

The game starts with a jackpot of £500 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright. To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball. If the crosses overlap the entry will be void.

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The two entries who got nearest the ball and each receive £25 are:

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Friday night  
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Pupils U13s  
celebrating after  
two wins in a row

# Two moments of magic seal home win for Pupils

Campbeltown Pupils 2  
Neilston 1  
SAFL Premier Division One

Campbeltown Pupils battled hard last Saturday to claim a home win over league rivals Neilston.

Two fantastic goals in a keenly contested game were enough to see the Pupils over the line, in a match that might well have been abandoned near its end.

The Pupils started in a 4-2-3-1 formation, and initially struggled to create fluid moves on the heavy but playable Kintyre Park pitch, which had passed an early-morning inspection.

With Alasdair Ferguson called into action in the Pupils' goal early on to block a Neilston shot in the box – with Ross Souden clearing the ball away at the last moment – the Pupils took their time to find their rhythm, but did so spectacularly.

Keith Mitchell and John McCallum combined to release Gregor McFadyen on the left wing, before he cut the ball back to right midfielder Scott Souden, and offloaded to attacking midfielder Ryan Deans on the edge of the box, who unleashed a stunning right-footed shot that arched into the roof of the net, and made the score 1-0 at half-time.

After the interval, the Pupils made a personnel change when right-back Stuart



Ryan Deans jostles for the ball, above. KC\_C11pupils02; and right, Gregor McFadyen and Keith Mitchell in action for the Pupils on Saturday. KC\_C11pupils01

Crossan, feeling unwell, was replaced in defence by lone striker John McCallum, with younger brother Donald McCallum brought on to spearhead the attack.

The home side then had to withstand some inevitable Neilston pressure, as the visitors' substitutes made an impact and began to probe for openings, but central defensive pairing Lee Allen and Ross Souden helped to preserve the Pupils' lead.

Neilston thought they had equalised after a collision between Pupils keeper Ferguson and a Neilston striker resulted in a visiting player despatching the loose ball into the net, however, match referee Jimmy Litster

ruled that the challenge on the young keeper was overly heavy, and disallowed the goal.

Then, admittedly against the second-half run of play, the McFadyens-sponsored Pupils struck the decisive blow in the match. Keith Mitchell picked up the ball on the left and released McFadyen down the left flank, from where he produced a fine low cross which substitute Donald McCallum struck low into the Neilston net with his left foot to make it 2-0.

But with some 20 minutes to play and the Pupils cruising, Neilston halved the deficit, a visiting striker gambling on Ferguson's kick, and blocking it, the resulting break of the

ball landing in his path for an easy finish, providing a lifeline to the men from East Renfrewshire.

But their hopes of an equaliser would quickly fade, after a Neilston player-coach – already booked on the touchline for dissent – was sent off for a foul on Mitchell within a minute of entering the field of play.

The same player then proceeded to throw a running punch as he left the field, before both teams became embroiled in an on-pitch melee.

After the fisticuffs fizzled out, the game of football resumed and a healthy Kintyre Park crowd watched a settled final 10 minutes of action as



the Pupils did enough to seal a welcome three points, over the team they had beaten on the road in front of the BBC Scotland cameras a month previously.

Finally, midfielder Ryan Gilchrist, enjoying a regular return to first-team action, was given the man-of-the-match award, with the creative energy of McFadyen another highlight for the Pupils.

Tomorrow (Saturday) the Feathers Inn-sponsored Pupils travel to Busby on league duty, with kick-off at 2pm.

For more info, follow Campbeltown Football on

Facebook or @PupilsAFC on Twitter.

**Campbeltown Pupils' squad v Neilston:** Alasdair Ferguson, Keith Mitchell (captain), Lee Allen, Ross Souden, Stuart Crossan, Gregor McFadyen, Ellis Robertson, Ryan Deans, Ryan Gilchrist, Scott Souden, John McCallum. Subs: Kenny Kerr, Michael McKinlay, Johnny McCormick, Ross Brown, Donald McCallum (used).



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