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Kintyre resilience group formed as UK in lockdown

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Kintyre's health chiefs are urging people to adhere to strict social distancing guidance which forms part of unprecedented new measures brought in by Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Monday in a bid to combat coronavirus (COVID-19).

Mr Johnson ordered everyone to stay at home unless going out for a handful of essential purposes, and those who flout the order risk being fined by the police.

The Courier understands that there were no confirmed cases of the virus in Campbeltown when the paper went to print, but health professionals say it does not mean the virus is not in the area, and that best practice is to behave as though everyone is contagious.

Kristin Gillies, a manager at Campbeltown Hospital, spoke to about 30 representatives from Argyll and Bute Council, South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT), Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface, Campbeltown's two pharmacies, Shopper-Aide, Kintyre Food Bank, Kintyre's community councils, local churches, Argyll FM and the

Campbeltown Courier, as well as some local traders and hauliers at a meeting last Friday.

Kintyre Community Resilience Group (KCRG) was formed at the Campbeltown Town Hall meeting, organised by SKDT manager Eric Spence. It is hoped that the group will become a one-stop source of accurate and up-to-date advice and information about all aspects of the impact of the outbreak in Kintyre.

Despite everyone sitting in chairs separated by about one metre, Mrs Gillies advised the group that its first meeting should be its last face-to-face gathering.

Stressing the need to adhere to the social distancing measures, Mrs Gillies said: 'Isolating people goes against all our instincts but we need to do it. This isn't about scare-mongering, it is about being responsible. We need people to keep themselves safe and stick to the policies in place. We all have a role to play.'

Speaking after the meeting, Mrs Gillies said: 'Campbeltown Hospital is a small community hospital that is not designed to look after seriously ill patients.'

'Although a significant amount of planning has taken place, there are

no intensive care facilities. The long journey time to Glasgow will make it difficult to transport people with coronavirus to a large hospital with specialist services.

'This is a very frightening time for everyone and Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) asks you to help keep the people of south Kintyre safe by staying at home as much as possible. Please stay safe by staying at home.'

Mrs Gillies explained that the hospital could benefit from volunteers, for example drivers able to deliver medicine or transport discharged patients home.

Health improvement principal Alison Mcgrory, who is coordinating the HSCP's response to the virus, told the Courier: 'The HSCP set up a Caring for People Tactical Group on Monday March 16 as part of the coronavirus emergency plan.'

'The purpose of the group is to put in place services that enable people to stay safely in their own homes for the duration of the outbreak. This includes shopping and prescription deliveries for people over 70 or with particular health issues that increase

Spring has sprung...



As poet and author Geoffrey Chaucer said, time and tide wait for no man. This is certainly true, as despite the current restrictions placed on people, fresh buds sprout from branches, lambs begin to play in fields, and daffodils bring a splash of colour to what is somewhat of a dark time. These lambs were spotted enjoying the recent spring weather in Kintyre. For more signs of spring, turn to page four.

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POLICE FILES

■ A motorist was stopped for allegedly exceeding the speed limit on the A83 near Glenbarr last Wednesday afternoon. The driver, a man aged 35, was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

■ Bottles of alcohol were stolen from the Campbeltown branch of Tesco at 8pm last Saturday. Two women were allegedly responsible and police are carrying out enquiries in an effort to identify them.

■ **Police are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information on the above or any incident to phone 101 or anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.**

Opening hours change at Kintyre Food Bank

Kintyre Food Bank has had to reduce its opening hours due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

It will now be open just one day a week – every Wednesday from 10am to noon – and by appointment only.

For the protection of those using the food bank and the volunteers who run it, there will be no entry to the building. Bags will be pre-filled and handed out to clients at the door at their designated times.

To make an appointment, phone 07936 034600 on a Tuesday evening between 6pm and 9pm.

Strict new measures introduced by PM

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On Monday night, Prime Minister Boris Johnson put the UK in a state of emergency as he announced unprecedented measures in a bid to stop the spread of coronavirus.

Ordering the vast majority of the population to remain in their homes, Mr Johnson said in an address to the nation on Monday night that people would only be allowed outside to buy food or medication, help the vulnerable, exercise once a day, or to travel to work if absolutely necessary.

The message was echoed by Nicola Sturgeon, Scotland's first minister.

She said that those who work in care or have 'caring responsibilities' should continue to do so, but should also implement social distancing and hand hygiene at all times.

'The overall message is very clear,' said Ms Sturgeon, speaking

on Tuesday lunchtime. 'People must stay at home. I know how hard this is for everybody but people should not be meeting friends, they should not be meeting family members who live outside of the home.'

'For all of us right now, life should not be feeling normal. If it is, then you are almost certainly not sticking to the rules we are asking people to abide by. I am confident the vast majority of people will abide by the rules.'

Later this week the Scottish Parliament will bring forward emergency legislation to help with enforcement.

The first minister added: 'I want to be very clear we will use these powers if necessary.'

The new restrictions mean people will only be allowed to leave their homes for:

- Shopping for basic necessities, as infrequently as possible.
- One form of exercise a day – for example, a run, walk, or cycle

– alone or with members of your household, not in groups.

■ Any medical need, to provide care or to help a vulnerable person.

■ Travelling to and from work, but only where this is absolutely necessary and cannot be done from home.

Police will have the powers to enforce the rules, including through fines and dispersing gatherings. To ensure compliance, the government will:

■ Close all shops selling non-essential goods, including clothing and electronic stores and other premises including libraries, playgrounds and outdoor gyms, and places of worship.

■ Stop all gatherings of more than two people in public – excluding people you live with.

■ Stop all social events, including weddings, baptisms and other ceremonies, but excluding funerals.

■ Parks will remain open for exercise, but gatherings will be dispersed.

The prime minister explained: 'Without a huge national effort to halt the growth of this virus, there will come a moment when no health service in the world could possibly cope because there won't be enough ventilators, enough intensive care beds, enough doctors and nurses.'

'And as we have seen elsewhere, in other countries that also have fantastic health care systems, that is the moment of real danger. To put it simply, if too many people become seriously unwell at one time, the NHS will be unable to handle it - meaning more people are likely to die, not just from coronavirus but from other illnesses as well. So it's vital to slow the spread of the disease.'

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Tue, 3 Mar 2020	10:47	07:47	13:17			
Wed, 4 Mar 2020	11:55	08:55	14:25			
Thu, 5 Mar 2020				13:17	10:17	15:47
Fri, 6 Mar 2020				14:36	11:36	17:06
Sat, 7 Mar 2020				15:33	12:33	18:03
Sun, 8 Mar 2020				16:20	13:20	18:50
Mon, 9 Mar 2020				17:03	14:03	19:33
Tue, 10 Mar 2020				17:45	14:45	20:15
Wed, 11 Mar 2020				18:28	15:28	20:58
Thu, 12 Mar 2020						
Fri, 13 Mar 2020	07:41	04:41	10:11			
Sat, 14 Mar 2020	08:28	05:28	10:58			
Sun, 15 Mar 2020	09:19	06:19	11:49			
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Tue, 17 Mar 2020	11:36	08:36	14:06			
Wed, 18 Mar 2020				13:01	10:01	15:31
Thu, 19 Mar 2020				14:11	11:11	16:41
Fri, 20 Mar 2020				15:07	12:07	17:37
Sat, 21 Mar 2020				15:54	12:54	18:24
Sun, 22 Mar 2020				16:34	13:34	19:04
Mon, 23 Mar 2020				17:09	14:09	19:39
Tue, 24 Mar 2020				17:40	14:40	20:10
Wed, 25 Mar 2020				18:08	15:08	20:38
Thu, 26 Mar 2020				18:36	15:36	21:06
Fri, 27 Mar 2020	06:43	03:43	09:13	19:06	16:06	21:36
Sat, 28 Mar 2020	07:16	04:16	09:46			
Sun, 29 Mar 2020	08:52	05:52	11:22			
Mon, 30 Mar 2020	09:34	06:34	12:04			
Tue, 31 Mar 2020	10:21	07:21	12:51			

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Representatives sat a distance from each other at the meeting organised by Eric Spence, centre. 50_c12covidmeeting01

Kintyre resilience group formed as PM declares state of emergency

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their risks. We will also set up telephone befriending for people who are on their own or feel lonely as we recognise the significant impact this crisis is having on our emotional wellbeing.'

Representatives from other groups at the KCRG meeting, including Shopper-Aide, which delivers shopping to elderly and vulnerable people and runs a 'buddy phone' system, also expressed the need for volunteers.

After the meeting, Mr Spence said: 'If you are fit and healthy

and you think you'll be able to help us out in any way, we would really like to hear from you.'

'There are a number of things that we're going to have to have help with over the coming weeks and months if we're going to minimise the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.'

Leafleting

'That's not limited to carrying out shopping, but leafleting, picking up people's prescriptions, perhaps even just phoning around people to make sure everyone's got what they need, particularly our

vulnerable and older people.

'We will provide you with any health and safety advice you need and, where necessary, any personal protective equipment if that's required.'

Those individuals who think they may be able to help should contact Mr Spence by emailing eric@skdt.org, including details of their name, age, address, contact information, specialist skills, services they can offer, and whether they have a driving licence.

These names will be added to a bank to be called upon to help where necessary.

Bright ideas to bring people together

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People around Kintyre have been coming together, despite living in isolation, through a number of initiatives intended to bring a bit of light relief during the current coronavirus pandemic.

Several ideas have appeared in a bid to spread some joy while giving children who are not able to be at school something to keep them occupied.

Kimmy McLellan has created Kintyre Rainbow Trail, a Facebook page encouraging people to display drawings, paintings or other images of rainbows in their windows to cheer people up as they walk throughout Campbeltown.

Kimmy saw the idea online and decided to create a local page – but added that she is not encouraging people to go outside when they don't need to; just trying to cheer them up as they enjoy solitary walks.

She added: 'I think it's the little things that keep people's spirits up, especially in a



Left, brothers Kian Green, two, and Koen, one, smile after displaying their drawing as part of Kintyre Rainbow Trail. Below left, Martine Craig's children Jemma and Gregor with their Christmas lights display; and, below right, Harris MacLennan drew this picture of the cinema with help from his mum, Aileen.

tight-knit community like this.'

Martine Craig has also come up with a bright idea

to cheer people up – she has been switching on the Christmas lights outside her home at night, and has been

encouraging others to do so too.

Martine, who was also inspired by something she saw

online, said: 'It will hopefully give us a bit of light during dark times, at least until the light nights come in.'

After receiving a drawing of the cinema from seven-year-old Harris MacLennan, Campbeltown Picture House has launched a virtual Window Wanderland.

Cinema manager Ellen Mainwood said: 'This time last year and the year before we were in the throes of Window Wanderland, persuading you to decorate your windows/cars/front gardens and then get outside and wander around the town looking at other people's efforts.'

'Well, this year obviously we are not encouraging wandering but that doesn't mean we can't do some arts and crafts!

'Drawings don't have to be of the cinema, of course; we were thinking of a theme of "important places". It could be a building, a beach, a favourite view, the best spot on the sofa – anything!'

People are being asked

to post their drawings on the Campbeltown Picture House Facebook page, so the cinema can make a virtual Wanderland and, when things return to normal and the cinema reopens, they will be displayed at the cinema.

Free church service online

Although there will be no services at Campbeltown Free Church until further notice, people can still view this Sunday's sermon.

Reverend Rodger Crooks will record the service and it will be available for free on the church's website at www.campbeltown-freechurch.co.uk and on YouTube.

Anyone who would like to talk to or pray with someone can call Rodger and Joan Crooks on 01586 554589 or Calum and Liz Ferguson on 01586 301016.

Council announces changes to bin collection and amenities

Argyll and Bute Council has announced a number of changes to bins, roads and amenity services as the spread of coronavirus impacts its operations.

In a statement, the local authority said: 'Keeping people safe from the spread of coronavirus means making changes to how we work. We must concentrate on the services that will help to keep people safe, and that the council must deliver by law.'

'To ensure we have enough people to do what we need to do, we have made some changes to services.'

The council will continue to:

- Collect the general waste bins, maintaining the current schedule;
- Provide burial and cremation services but limiting attendance to immediate family members only (up to a maximum number of eight);
- Limit ferry and air travel via ferries and Oban Airport to emergency/essential travel only;
- Make repairs to dangerous defects in infrastructure and follow up inspections as required;
- Respond to emergency call-outs and winter maintenance

as necessary; and provide any home to school transport as required for essential/key workers;

■ Commercial waste uplifts for businesses that are permitted to continue to trade and have a contract with the council. Those that deal with food will have their food waste collected separately.

The following are services which the council has had to stand down due to comply with government guidelines and to meet staff shortages:

- Public toilets closed.
- Emergency road repairs to continue; all other road works to stop on account of lack of materials and staff. Current jobs will be made safe and traffic management will be removed where possible.
- Play parks will close immediately, along with outdoor gyms. Football pitches should no longer be used for matches, but can be used for exercising as long as social distancing is respected.
- Civic amenity sites now closed to the public.
- Glass and domestic food waste will not be collected.
- Blue bins/bags will not be collected. Please store your recycling where possible or

flatten your recycling to get as much as possible into your blue bin and bag any extra.

There will be one more collection of commercial waste for businesses that have to close as a result of the response to COVID-19. There will still be a service for businesses that are open and have a contract with the council.

The statement continued: 'The situation is fluid and we may need to make changes at short notice. Urgent changes will be posted on our website: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/service-disruptions.

'Information on longer-term changes will be issued on our social media channels, website and local press.'

'We would appeal to the public to work with us during this challenging time. We are working hard to protect our front-line staff. You can help us by reading the guidance about waste disposal if someone in the household has or is suspected of having COVID-19: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/

'We will resume services wherever possible. Until then, our focus is on maintaining the most vital services.'

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Spring is in the air...

It is easy to forget the natural beauty that surrounds us during the challenging and uncertain times that we currently find ourselves in.

This year's spring equinox was last Friday, on March 20, and already the signs of a new season are sprouting up around us.

Lambs being born, buds shooting out from trees and spring flowers blossoming are welcome reminders that life goes on.

Here are a few of the spring sights that have been seen within walking distance of the Courier's home-office.

We'd love to share some of the sights which have made our readers smile in recent days and weeks. Please send your photographs to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk or via Facebook messages.

Bees have awakened and are collecting pollen and nectar from their preferred plants. 50_c13spring05



This rabbit has emerged from his burrow to enjoy the spring weather. 50_c13spring01



A primrose sprouts from the undergrowth. 50_c13spring02



New buds appear beside a flowering head on this camellia bush. 50_c13spring04



Fresh greens appear on branches, right. 50_c13spring06



A carpet of daffodils blankets the ground in yellow. 50_c13spring03

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Campbeltown Cross to be restored

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Campbeltown Community Council (CCC) has successfully secured funding from Historic Environment Scotland (HES) to carry out urgent conservation and repair works on Campbeltown Cross and its immediate surrounds.

The cross is the finest surviving example of late medieval carving in Kintyre and it is thought to have been carved on Iona in 1380. It was brought to Campbeltown from Kilkivan Church near Machrihanish to serve as a market cross in 1680 and is the largest and most famous example of a late medieval Celtic cross in mainland Argyll.

The inscription on the Cross reads: 'This is the cross of Sir Ivor McEachern, sometime parson of Kilkivan, and of his son, Sir Andrew, parson of Kilchoman, who caused it to be made.'

It originally stood outside Campbeltown Town Hall,



From left: James Lafferty, Catherine Dobbie and Alan Baker, convener of Campbeltown Community Council. 50_c13ctowncross01

the focus of the town's civic and social life. In 1700, the local population gathered to witness the town proclaimed a Royal Burgh.

The cross was mutilated after the Scottish Reformation in the 16th century when its depiction of the crucifix and two other figures were erased.

During the Second World

War, it was taken to Kilkerran Cemetery and, after much debate, was re-erected at the new purpose-designed Old Quay Head roundabout in 1946.

Campbeltown Cross has a special place in the hearts of the local community, a respect observed regularly by its circumnavigation prior to all weddings and funerals.

Last year, however, a report commissioned by CCC from specialist firm Graciela Ainsworth Sculpture Conservation Ltd highlighted huge deterioration of the cross due to algal growth, surface/detail loss, delaminations, cracks and fissures. The report recommended the need for urgent work to prevent further decay.

Catherine Dobbie from CCC worked with James Lafferty, Argyll and Bute Council's Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) officer, to obtain quotes for remedial works.

The A-listed cross meant that Scheduled Monument Consent had to be sought and this was granted in September 2019.

Catherine applied to local organisations for funding and is very grateful to Campbeltown Common Good Fund, Machrihanish Airbase Community Company, The Rotary Club of Campbeltown, Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural History Society, and Campbeltown Community Council for their financial support.

Last week the community council learned its application to HES for funding was successful, meaning the project can now go ahead.

The specialist conservation works on the cross will be carried out by Graciela

Ainsworth Sculpture Conservation Ltd. Local contractors will carry out all of the additional works. These include: installing scaffolding, repairing plinth and steps, repairing and painting railings, designing and erecting a new interpretation board, replacing disused floodlights, purchasing new seating benches and litter bins, replacing wooden barrel planters.

Catherine told the Courier: 'Campbeltown Community Council felt it was our duty to preserve the cross.'

'This will complement the other improvements that have been made to the town centre in recent years, helping to preserve another piece of our heritage for generations to come.'

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- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1kg lean beef mince (5% fat or less)
- 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- Low-calorie cooking spray
- 4 x 60g wholemeal rolls
- 4 eggs
- Sliced tomato, lettuce leaves and sliced red onion, to serve
- 4 level tbsp reduced-salt-and-sugar tomato ketchup

Method:

1. Preheat your grill to high.
2. Put the onion, garlic, beef and Worcestershire sauce in a bowl, season lightly and combine using your fingers. Divide the mixture into 8 equal portions and shape them into burgers.
3. Spray the burgers with low-calorie cooking spray and grill for 10-12 minutes or until cooked through, turning halfway.
4. Meanwhile, spray a non-stick frying pan with low-calorie cooking spray and place over a medium heat. Add the eggs and fry to your liking.
5. Split and toast the rolls, then fill with the tomato, lettuce, red onion, burgers and ketchup. Top with the eggs, season lightly and hold it all in place with a cocktail stick if needed.
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Strange times but it is important to stay safe

Amid all the doom and gloom surrounding coronavirus, the selfless response from the people of Kintyre continues to show us there is good in the world.

Many people are putting their own health at risk to volunteer so that vulnerable people are not only receiving the food and supplies that they need but also some comfort, even if it is via a telephone call.

When Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced that everyone must remain at home apart from essential workers, most people questioned whether their role would be deemed as essential.

The truth is that everyone's job feels essential to them, even if the government doesn't deem it so at the moment. So this must be a strange and frightening time for those being made redundant or being placed on furlough.

As I write this from my home-office, feeling a bit lost and a tiny bit more stressed than usual, I realise that I am lucky to be able to retain my job and help deliver vital information and advice to help keep the people of Kintyre healthy.

Please be kind to each other

After venturing out in to this weird, crazy world that we are living in right now, to go to Campbeltown to get some shopping earlier this week, I couldn't believe how anxious and scared I felt just to go out and get some food to feed my family.

As someone who lives out of town a bit, I am in the habit of only shopping about once a week anyway, and with quite a big family I always do a fairly big shop, but I was so nervous about carrying out such a routine, normal thing. The shops are limiting the number of people in stores at any one time, which is good in terms of protecting our health, but I couldn't help but feel it left the people outside with little else to do other than judge what everyone was coming out with in their trolley.

This awful situation we have found ourselves in of late has, in many ways, brought the community together and made you realise how many people out there are willing to help, but it had sadly also brought out the worst in some people. I feel that everyone needs reminded to step back, think before they act or form an opinion, and realise that right now nearly everyone is feeling lost, alone, confused, stressed and unsure what to do for the best.

Even trying to decide when best to make the journey to Campbeltown, knowing you are using up precious fuel in your car, is a struggle, because if the shelves are bare it is not so easy just to pop back tomorrow or later.

Please be kind to each other and remember we are all in this together.

Name and address supplied.

Working together to get us through this crisis

For the first time in history, the UK Government is going to step in and help pay people's wages, paying grants to support as many jobs as necessary.

Any employer in the country – large, small, charitable or for profit – who promises to retain their staff, will be able to apply for a grant from HMRC to cover most of the wages of people who are not working but are kept on the payroll, rather than being laid off.

Grants will cover 80 per cent of the salary of retained workers up to a total of £2,500 a month which is above the average income. The cost of wages will be backdated to March 1 and will be open initially for at least three months and the UK Government will extend the scheme for longer if necessary.

The UK Government is making a historic intervention by prioritising workers' pay and protecting jobs.

This news comes as the Scottish Government is writing to 200,000 vulnerable Scots with the advice to self-isolate.

This action, that is being taken by both the UK and Scottish governments, advises those with extreme health vulnerabilities to isolate for 12 weeks.

We must stand with both of Scotland's governments in taking this action during this challenging time.

We must protect those most vulnerable and at risk across the country but it is on us all to stop the spread of this virus by following the

guidance in place. Scotland's two governments are working together to get us through this crisis.

Medical advice for the public can be found at www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus and www.gov.uk/coronavirus

A hotline has been set up for businesses affected. They can call 0300 303 0660 for advice and support.

Everyone needs to work together to get through this so it's vital people follow the latest official guidance.

**Councillor Alastair Redman,
Kintyre and the Islands.**

Open letter from farming representatives

To the Scottish public, During this time of unprecedented uncertainty, we are all concerned about the safety and wellbeing of our families, friends and colleagues.

Our hearts go out to those who have been affected personally by the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19), as well as the many communities around the world that are facing extreme measures in an attempt to slow its spread.

We appreciate and are mindful of the challenges individuals are currently facing as well as the impact this pandemic has had on our vital emergency services as well as the grocery retail sector, supply chain and producers.

Like our retail partners, we want to take this opportunity to assure you that Scottish

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PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Catherine Cochrane, from Ayr, captured this striking photograph of a bird of prey during a recent visit to Kintyre.

She said: 'We were here at Campbeltown for another couple of days and on our way back down from the Mull of Kintyre we saw this beautiful bird

of prey, the common buzzard. It's always a pleasure to share such a moment with nature.'

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

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday March 26, 2010

Drumlemble Primary School eco warriors rule!

Drumlemble Primary School pupils turned into eco warriors at Campbeltown's Co-operative store on Monday as part of the Co-op's Green Energy for Schools programme.

The kids, complete with camouflage bandanas, green hoodies and face paint, interviewed customers about their commitment to the environment.



Drumlemble Primary School's eco warriors.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday March 30, 1995

Heritage Centre a triumph!

The Kintyre Heritage Centre throws open its doors for the first time on Saturday – a triumph for those who fought to create a centre for Campbeltown.

Less than a year ago, in July, the future of the project to transform the old Lorne Street Church, which closed five years ago, was in doubt.

Money worries took the scheme to the brink of collapse, but the trustees dug their heels in and fought for what they believed in. The project has been supported by local businesses, the Lorne and Lowland Church, Argyll and the Islands Enterprise, AIE Leader Programme, Argyll and Bute District Council, Campbeltown Common Good Fund,

and Friends of the Heritage Centre. And the result will be seen on Saturday when George McMillan, chairman of the Trustees of the Heritage Centre and Argyll and Bute District Council, performs the opening ceremony, and it is something that not just Campbeltown, but the whole of Kintyre and Argyll can be proud of.

As you are entering the centre, you are greeted by photographs of buildings and people of Kintyre before passing through a time-tunnel displaying Kintyre history from St Kieran onwards.

The exhibits include a Loch Fyne skiff, a kitchen from the 1900s, and a Campbeltown cooperage – reflecting one of the town's most famous exports, whisky.

No exhibition would be complete without a display featuring the development of the fishing industry and the ships which plied the Clyde.

This includes photographs and artefacts retrieved by the local sub-aqua club members.

What makes the centre so special is the majority of the exhibits have been given by local people.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday March 26, 1970

Carradale Harbour commendation

A plaque was erected at Carradale on Friday to commemorate the completion in 1968 of the harbour there. Among those who spoke to the crowd assembled at the pier was the Rev John E McInnes, Saddell and Carradale Church, and Mr Donald McMillan, the chairman of the Carradale branch of the Clyde Fishermen's Association.

On the plaque unveiled by Mrs John McMillan, Seaview East, is inscribed: 'Erected by the Carradale fishermen to commemorate the completion of the harbour, and in memory of those now departed whose ceaseless efforts for the harbour have been so rewarded.'

Afterwards, the annual dinner and dance of the Carradale branch of the Clyde Fishermen's Association was held in Carradale Hotel – for the first time.

Before the extension of the hotel last year, it was unable to cope with the numbers of guests expected at the fishermen's annual 'fling'. One-hundred-and-sixteen guests attended.

Carradale pier was extended by about 60ft. The extension, started early in 1968, was made necessary by the growth of the Carradale fleet.

ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday March 27, 1920

8th Argylls re-union

The first annual reunion of the Regimental Association of the 8th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders was held on Tuesday of last week in the Queen's Hotel, Kirn.

There was a company of over 70 members present, and Lieut-Colonel J Campbell of Kilberry, the commanding officer at the time of mobilisation and who took the Battalion to France, presided.

Colonel (Rev) H Reid, MC, proposed 'The Immortal Memory of our Fallen Comrades'. He said he rose to propose the memory of the men whom they all knew and loved; the men with whom they marched and with whom they lived; the men they fought alongside; but the men who were not with them that night.

They were the men they would ever respect for their quiet heroism, invincible cheerfulness, and generous unselfishness.

He was not going to ask them to drink a toast, but to rise to their feet for a moment and in silence call to memory their comrades who had made the supreme sacrifice.

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Names to faces in 100-year-old distillery photo

A Campbeltown man living in North Devon has given the Courier the names of several workers in a staff photograph from one of the town's lost distilleries.

James McIntyre, 88, who lived in Campbeltown for 73 years, believes the photograph of workers at Lochruan Distillery, which appeared in the January 10 edition of the Courier, could have been taken about 100 years ago, in 1920.

He said: 'The Lochruan Distillery photograph caught my eye. It was postcard size and was sent to my cousin at Drumble by my father, James Duncan McIntyre, her uncle. She lived with her gran and grandad. Her name was Mary (Molly) Hamilton, later to become the wife of Neil Bell.

'My father was born at Carskief on November 1, 1899. Molly Hamilton came to be looked after

by her grandmother when she was old enough. She was born February 14, 1908. My uncle Angus sent word for my gran, grandad, father and niece Molly to come to Canada; they packed up and headed for Campbeltown where they were told all shipping was cancelled due to U-boat activity. It was then that my father disappeared and ended up in France aged 15.

'After WWI my father was in digs

with Neil McEachran and his wife, Jeanie McKendrick. They lived across the road from Lochruan. Neil McEachran was a cousin of my grandmother, Mary McEachran, and Jeanie was my grandmother's sister. I asked my mother if that was where she met my father; she said no. She first met him on a sports day over the green. They were married August 26, 1921. My father's best man was Charles

Kelly, the clerk in the photo.'

Mr McIntyre added that his uncle, Donald Wallace, late of Union Street, may be in another photograph, a 1928 shot showing employees of the Clydeside David and William Henderson and Company marine engineering and shipbuilding firm, which featured in the same edition.

He added: 'He served in WWI and went to Glasgow after the war.'



James McIntyre has named most of the people in this photograph of staff at Lochruan Distillery. They are, back row, from left: McGeachy, J D McIntyre, unknown, J Ramsay, A Bell, McMillan, A Morrison, A Smith, W Colville and D McCallum, exciseman. Front: H McArthur, C Kelly, clerk, Mr Gardener, manager, McArthur, brewer, and A D McArthur.



Mr McIntyre believes his uncle, Donald Wallace, could be in this photo of Clydeside David and William Henderson and Company staff, on the top row, seen third from the right.

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A Mother's Day message from afar

How do you say 'Happy Mother's Day' to your mum when she is self-isolating in Kintyre, 550 miles away from you?

Actor and writer Luke Blackwood Stevenson, who lives in London, put his talents to good use and penned a poem to amuse his mum, Patricia Stevenson.

Patricia, the former publishing director of Tatler magazine, is currently residing with her husband, Gordon, at the couple's holiday home in Machrihanish.

Patricia shared the poem, below, with the Courier and said: 'The upside of the coronavirus for us is that we now expect to be staying on at the house for the foreseeable future; we are certainly very lucky to be here in Machrihanish.'

*Oh Corona, Oh Corona. Why are you so cruel?
If I had the means, I'd propose we have a duel.*

*Oh Corona, Oh Corona what anxiety!
You're getting people panicked so they need a cuppa' tea.*

*Oh Corona, Oh Corona why such suffering?
Just be banished right away and I'll begin my dancing.*

*Oh Corona, Oh Corona. Give over, just blow over.
We'll to the Winchester when this is all over.*

*Oh Corona, Oh Corona. You've created mass closure.
Why did you feel the need for so much exposure?*

*Oh Corona, Oh Corona you're one gnarly epidemic.
You're making me wish that I'd trained as a medic.*

*Oh Corona, Oh Corona you're really not so cool.
I can no longer take a dip in my local swimming pool.*

*Oh Corona, oh Corona you're a piece of work.
You're getting on my nerves and making some berserk.*

*Oh Corona, oh Corona you will never rule.
You've hurt March enough already, don't be my April fool.*

*Oh Corona, oh Corona for the sake of humanity!
We've got this far already so show some decency.*

*Oh Corona, oh Corona we won't stop fighting,
We won't give up our hope although you've been frightening.*

*Oh Corona, oh Corona when you're defeated, dead and gone,
We'll remark that past battles were lost...but the war will have been won.*

How did you celebrate your mum on Mother's Day?

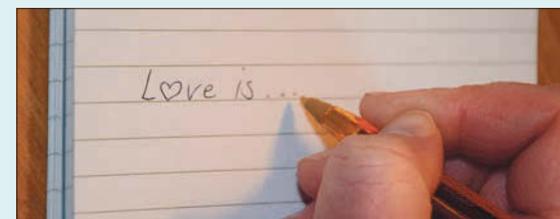
At a time when we are urged to self-isolate and social-distance, it may have been harder than usual to celebrate with our mums this Mother's Day, which was on Sunday March 22.

Get in touch with us if you celebrated in a novel or unique way this year. Or if you didn't manage to spoil your mum, send us a photograph of her and tell us why she deserves a shout-out.

Email editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk or message us on Facebook.



How did you celebrate Mother's Day?



Spread love through creative competition

Crafty creators could have their work published in the Courier if they enter a competition run by the Kintyre Community Learning (KCL) team.

KCL is looking for people to get creative over the next couple of weeks to inspire one another and brighten up each other's days during these uncertain times.

All members of the community, of all ages, are invited to create poems, photographs, drawings, songs or anything at all that's inspired by this theme of 'love'.

To submit an entry, just post your piece onto KCL's Facebook page with the word 'LOVE' somewhere in the title.

If you would like to share something but would rather do so anonymously, entries can be sent via Facebook message. The competition isn't just for those on social media as entries can be submitted on behalf of others – just make it clear when sharing who the work is by.

As well as getting published in the Courier, one lucky participant will also win a lovely bespoke stained glass piece depicting Jura, donated by Glenbarr Glass.

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Baking brings crowds to annual guild sale of work



The sale was opened by Irene Millar, pictured here with Christina McMillan, who presented her with a gift.

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The baking stall once again drew the crowds at the Lorne and Lowland Guild's annual sale of work.

Before Irene Millar did the honours and officially declared this year's sale open, a queue built up beside the extensively stocked baking stall, filled with lots of home-baked goodies.



Reverend William Crossan spoke before Irene Millar opened the sale.

KC_c13lornelowlandguild04

The sale of work took place on Saturday March 14, before many social events were cancelled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Mrs Millar encouraged visitors to buy from all the stalls which included a bottle stall, and others selling second-hand books, knitted goods and

flowers. Afterwards she was presented with a gift by Christina McMillan.

Guild members were hard at work all day, volunteering in the kitchen as well as behind the stalls, offering home-baked goodies, and tea and coffee, to each table in the church hall.

The sale made a total of £2,108.



Some of the ladies who worked hard in the kitchen. KC_c13lornelowlandguild02

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Fresh flowers were pleasing to the eye and the nose. KC_c13lornelowlandguild05



Hand-crafted and knitted items also drew buyers to the stalls. KC_c13lornelowlandguild08



Catherine Ann Meikle and Annie Colville behind the baking stall. KC_c13lornelowlandguild06



There was an abundance of books for sale. KC_c13lornelowlandguild03



Entry to the sale was by donation at the door. KC_c13lornelowlandguild07



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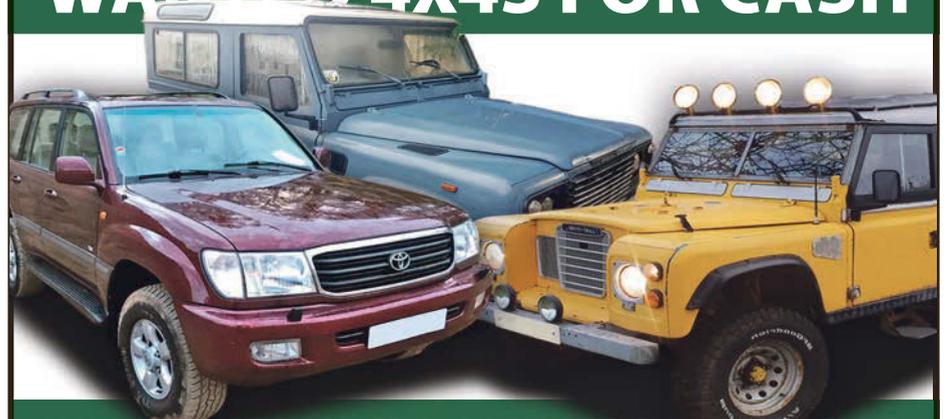
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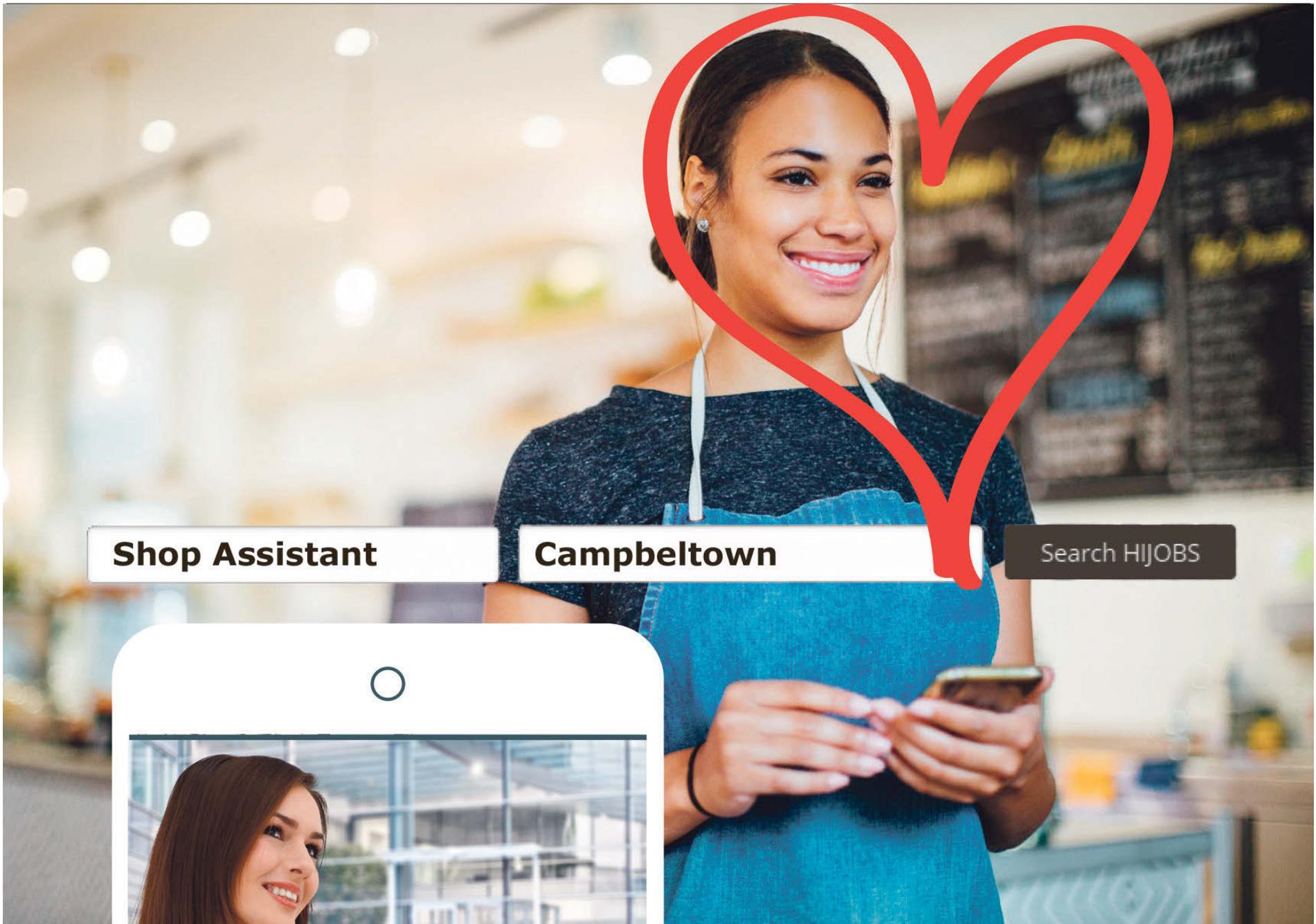
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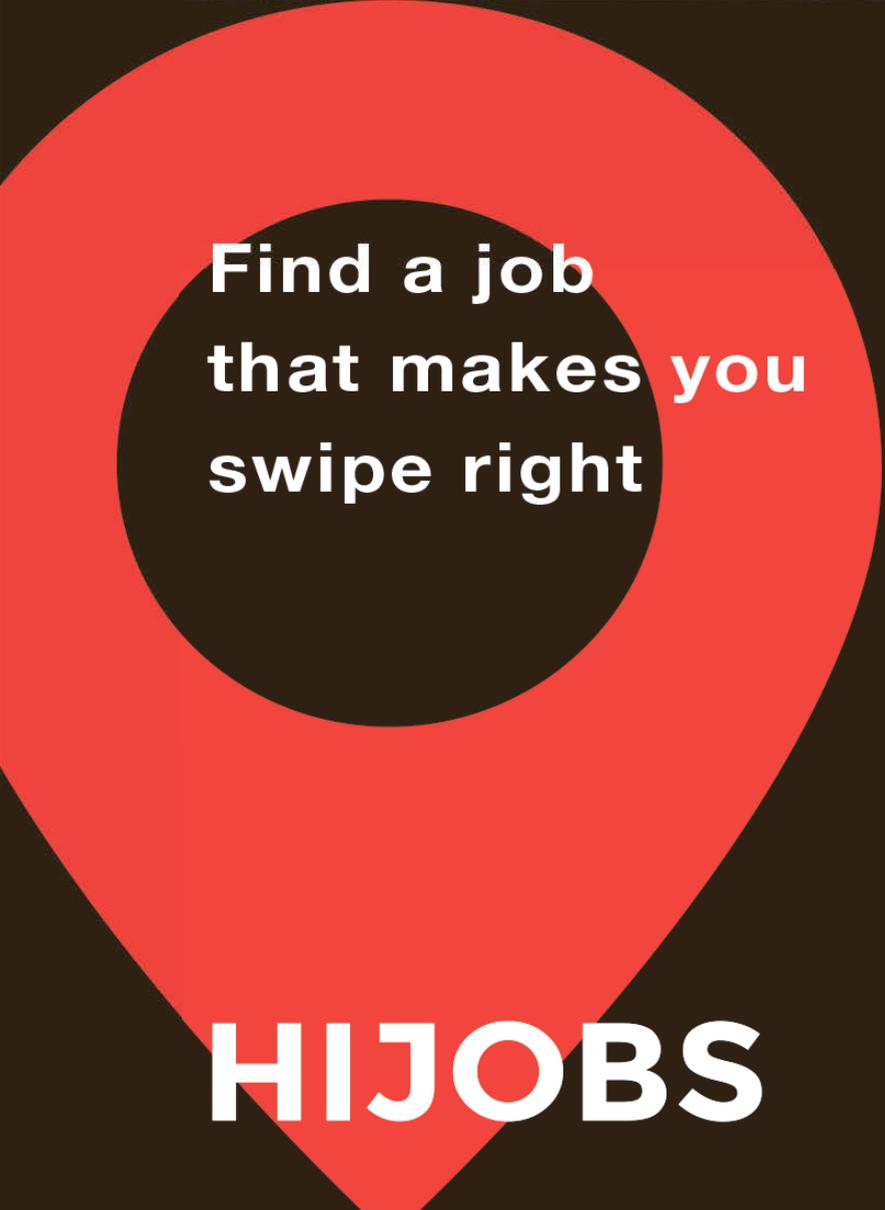
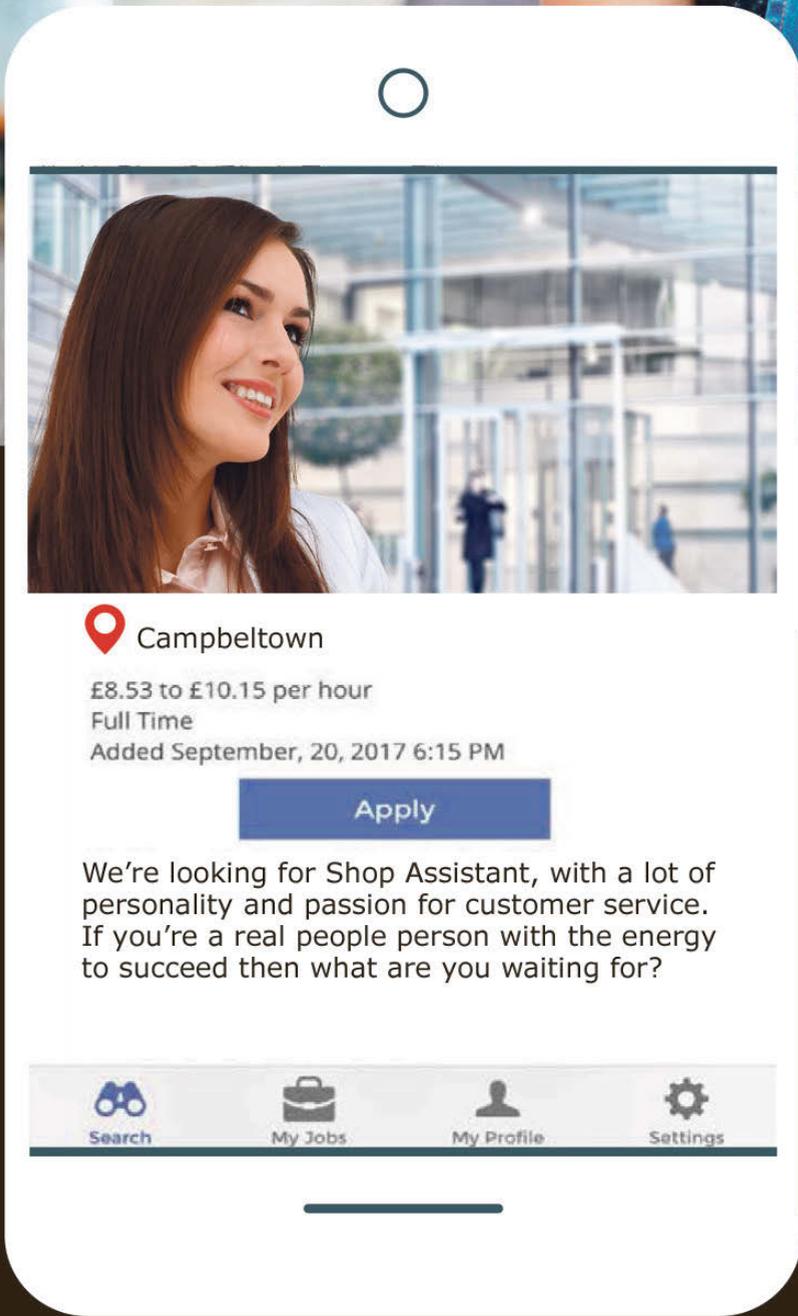
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THE MACHRIHANISH GOLF CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of The Machrihanish Golf that was due to take place on Friday 3rd April in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown at 7.30pm

Club has been cancelled.

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Argyll and Bute Council

Councillor Jim Lynch (E.W.4 Oban South and the Isles)
Councillor Lynch will be holding surgeries during the month of APRIL 2020 as follows:

DATE	VENUE	TIME
Friday 10th April	Municipal Buildings, Albany Street, Oban	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday 21st April	Soroba Community Centre, 8A Scalpay Terrace, Soroba	6.00pm - 8.00pm

He can be contacted by email - Jim.Lynch@argyll-bute.gov.uk and by telephone 01631 567893

Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor (E.W.4 Oban South and the Isles)

Councillor Sir McGrigor will be holding a surgery on Friday 24th April 2020 in the Municipal Buildings, Albany Street, Oban from 10.00am - 12 Noon.

He can be contacted by email - Jamie.McGrigor@argyll-bute.gov.uk and by telephone 01631 567853

Councillor Kieron Green (E.W.5 Oban North and Lorn)

Councillor Green will be holding a surgery on Tuesday 7th April 2020 in the Municipal Buildings, Albany Street, Oban from 10.00am - 12 noon.

He can be contacted by email - Kieron.Green@argyll-bute.gov.uk and by telephone 01631 562 444

Councillor Elaine Robertson (E.W.5 Oban North and Lorn)

Councillor Robertson will be holding a surgery on Friday 24th April 2020 in the Municipal Buildings, Albany Street, Oban from 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

Councillor Robertson can also be contacted by email - Elaine.Robertson@argyll-bute.gov.uk



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Property industry to provide buildings for key workers

Organisations representing thousands of professionals across the surveying, architectural and planning specialisms have written to the Prime Minister to offer their help in fighting back against the growing coronavirus epidemic.

Led by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), both the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) have signed a letter to the government also calling on ministers to extend emergency measures to include property professionals as businesses strain to deal with the impact of the virus.

With RICS members representing hundreds of clients across the built environment, many with vacant rooms and buildings, the move could see hundreds of empty hotel rooms, flats or commercial space repurposed to temporarily house key workers such as NHS staff so they can be located closer to hospitals and workplaces.

The letter also makes clear that the property sector, a key part of the British economy, is straining under the pressure of the coronavirus – with effects not seen since the financial crash in 2008. To help firms cope in these tough times, the letter asks the Prime Minister to act now to ensure thousands of surveyors, architects and planners can continue to work, including:

- Seeking the introduction of emergency loan funding for all firms in the built environment sector.
- ‘Fiscal support’ to aid in consultancy firms to invest in work from home technology, allowing people to stay at home and reduce the burden on transport services.
- Support for lost wages of employees now on reduced time or who face being made temporarily redundant.

Matthew Howell (RICS UK Managing Director) said: ‘Whether you’re a chartered



surveyor, architect or town planner, the growing coronavirus pandemic is one of the biggest threats to the property industry

since the financial crash, and we need serious action now to prevent job losses and businesses shutting down.

‘RICS has been supporting its members, including keeping them updated on the changing advice from government, but we are hearing more support is needed. That’s why we’re joining with RTPI and RIBA to call on the Prime Minister to open up a range of emergency measures to help property professionals deal with the effects of this virus, including support for firms to allow staff to work from home and wage relief for individuals on reduced hours or facing temporary redundancy.

‘We also stand ready as a profession to do our part to aid the UK in getting through this together. Our professionals and firms working across the built environment sector have access to a wide range of buildings that could be utilised by the NHS or other key workers for various purposes. We would be keen to

meet with government to discuss this and ensure the space and any vacant beds are put to good use.’

Alan Vallance (RIBA CEO) said: ‘This is a critical time for the built environment.

‘Without financial measures to help preserve cash flow and clarity on how the planning system and development control systems will continue to operate, our sector remains at risk. We also need assurance that the government will do everything it can to make sure construction projects are able to progress safely.

‘We appreciate the close engagement with civil servants and ministers to ensure the voice of the built environment is heard and that the right actions are taken.’

Victoria Hills (CEO at RTPI) said: ‘Town planners stand ready with all built environment professionals to do what we can to help mitigate this pandemic, and help our country get back to social normality and economic productivity afterwards.’



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'We want to keep all those shelves stocked,' say NFUS

Scotland's farmers and crofters will play part in nation's response to coronavirus

Andrew McCornick, president of the National Farmers' Union Scotland (NFUS), has issued a statement on behalf of the country's farmers and crofters on the role they will play in helping to feed the nation.

'Scotland's farmers and crofters will strive to ensure Scottish plates and glasses remain full of fresh, tasty food and drink throughout this crisis,' he said.

'We thank the Scottish public for their continued

support and reassure them that NFUS will play a full part in the nation's response.

'These are unprecedented times and the sight of empty shelves in some stores, both large and small, clearly illustrates the uncertainty and worry that many in our society are facing.

'We want to keep those shelves stocked. Farmers and crofters, and the wider food and drink sector across Scotland, will deliver on food security and will work



Andrew McCornick, NFUS president.

conferencing, email, social media, mobile phones, laptops and more, meaning daily contact with government, key industry stakeholders, internal contacts and our members is as seamless as possible.

'With difficult decisions being made on an hourly basis, technology provides us with the platforms to remain fully informed and engaged on all the key issues that are currently being discussed with urgency and at the highest level.

'The technology and goodwill exists to make this work, and the desire is there from everyone at NFUS to be pushing on, ensuring the best support and representation of the industry at all levels on all issues continues unabated.

'We also urge our community to look out for one another at this time, especially those who may be vulnerable or isolated, without access to internet, phone or mobile signal that many take for granted.'

For those who need emotional, practical or financial support in times of need, rural charity RSABI is there to support people in Scottish agriculture and can be contacted on 0300 111 4166.

tirelessly to maintain all necessary supply chains to keep shelves full. Discussions with the Scottish Government and other key stakeholders are already drilling down on key areas.

'The ability to get crucial supplies like animal feed, fuel, fertiliser and seed onto farms; the need for livestock, milk, eggs, cereals, veg to get

to market; keeping livestock markets, abattoirs and food manufacturing sites open and working; getting those goods processed and delivered onto a shelf, whether it be a farm shop, a local store or a supermarket.

'Local businesses, both on farm and in the villages and towns, will undoubtedly value consumers' support at this time.

'Huge problems around labour are looming large, particularly for our soft fruit and vegetable growers with novel ways of seeking staff for farms being considered. Those who have lost their jobs or are on unpaid leave in the hospitality sector are being sought to allow planting and

harvesting to be undertaken.

'In times of crisis, Scottish farmers and crofters have always proved themselves to be innovative, adaptable and resilient. This time is no different. The way we will play our part in keeping food and drink flowing has changed in this current crisis, and we have the systems in place.

'We have already taken the responsible decision that NFUS head office staff will work from home and any meetings or gatherings are suspended so all the work will be getting done in a different way.

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Beautiful blooms at Bellochantuy bulb show

Despite inclement weather, members of Bellochantuy SWI arrived with many bright and beautiful entries for the 2020 bulb show.

Foliage pot plants and small flower arrangements had a good number of entrants but the flowering potted plant, entered by Jill Lines, triumphed as best plant.

There were also good entries in the baking and confectionery sections while embroidery and knitting were well covered, and photography, art and design proved popular classes.

The entry of 'a seascape', submitted by Linda Bryce, was named the best exhibit.

A spokesperson said: 'Largieside SWI kindly supplied the judges who commented that the entries were all generally good. We hope that tasting so much lemon in the baking and sundries classes did not take the smile from their faces.'



Some of the potted plants entered into the bulb show.

The results are as follows: Baking and sundries, with lemon: Gold: Janet Hamilton and Libby Kerr; Silver: Alice McLean and Diane Roberts; Red: Lois Fell, Jill Lines, Margaret McKinnon and Margaret Littleton. Soda scones: Red: Diane Roberts. Three pieces of traybake: Gold: Lois Fell; Silver: Janet Hamilton; Red: Alice McLean and Margaret McKinnon. Confectionery: Six chocolate truffles: Gold: Margaret McKinnon; Silver: Lois Fell and Alice McLean.

Photography: Paps of Jura: Gold: Diane Roberts; Silver: Linda Bryce and Lois Fell. A summer garden: Gold: Margaret McKinnon; Silver: Alice McLean and Lois Fell; Red: Tricia Fair and Linda Bryce. Art: A seascape: Gold: Linda Bryce. Design: Book cover for a murder mystery - computer: Gold: Lois Fell. Knitting: Child's jumper: Gold: Lois Fell. Item in two-ply: Gold: Linda Bryce. Crochet: (Heavy) A hat: Gold: Lois Fell. Sewing: A kitchen chair cushion pad: Gold: Lois Fell. Embroidery: Item in cross-stitch: Gold: Diane Roberts; Silver: Lois Fell. Dorset buttons x two: Gold: Judith Macrae and Linda Bryce; Silver: Libby Kerr; Red: Tricia Fair. A nature scene (framed): Gold: Libby Kerr; Silver:

Tricia Fair. Cotton dishcloth: Gold: Libby Kerr.

Hyacinths: Gold: Diane Roberts. Foliage pot plant: Gold: Jill Lines; Silver: Alice McLean; Red: Diane Roberts. Flowering pot plant: Gold: Jill Lines. Small flower arrangement in a sugar bowl: Gold: Lois Fell; Silver: Diane Roberts; Red: Libby Kerr and Barbara Young.

The evening concluded with business, followed by a cup of tea and tastings, from some of the baking entries.



There were many embroidered entries.



Several photographs of the Paps of Jura were submitted.

In the late 1340s, the plague outbreak that we know as the Black Death descended upon Asia, Europe and Africa, causing widespread disruption and death.

Medieval responses to the pandemic varied. In many European cities, social chaos, fear and mistrust were widespread. In Syria, by contrast, we find the example of a community that united in its response to the pandemic.

Although medieval people lacked the medical knowledge to help them avoid infection and the plague was far more lethal than COVID-19 virus, their reactions to the pandemic can still teach us today.

An Italian scholar, Boccaccio, detailed not only the physical symptoms of the Black Death as it arrived in Florence in 1348, but also its influence on Italian society. Boccaccio describes people who, whether through indifference, bravado or fear of social isolation, continued to go out to bars and public events even when the evidence indicated that seclusion was the best option.

While some medieval communities succumbed to fear and distrust, others found ways to support one another.

Meanwhile, quarantined people entertained themselves by telling stories and singing songs to one another.

Today, people are also singing from balconies to lift each other's spirits.

Many European cities persecuted minority groups at the time of the plague, but there was one country that was different: Syria.

At the arrival of the plague in Syria in 1348, the citizens of Damascus did not abandon one another or persecute the minority populations living within the city. Instead, the Damascenes set aside their differences.

How sad that war has virtually destroyed Damascus, but maybe we can still hear their voices telling us to care for each other, combine our resources, share our knowledge, be responsible and remember our common humanity.

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DEATHS

JAMES - Peacefully, at the Cherwood House Care Centre, Bicester, on March 25, 2020, Elizabeth (Betty) Campbell Bannatyne, in her 90th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Ernest James, much loved mum of Campbell and his wife Lee, and loving nan and great nan.

JOHNSON - Gordon Archibald, formerly of Tarbert, in his 57th year, suddenly in Inverness, on March 19, 2020, son of Jean and the late Ronald Johnson, brother to Irene, Jane and James, father to Brogan and grumpa to Cassidy.

KERR - Suddenly at home, 64 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, on March 5, 2020, Ian Kerr, in his 61st year, beloved son of the late John and Isobel Kerr and a loving nephew and friend to many. Funeral private.

PEDEN - Alexander, at Erskine Hospital, on March 14, 2020, beloved husband of Jen, loving father of Mandy, Andrew and Angus, proud granddad of Aonghas and Matthew, and father-in-law of dear Emma. Cremated at Dalnottar Crematorium, Clydebank, on March 26, 2020.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCKAY - The family of the late Mary Jane Anderson McVicar would like to thank everyone for the many cards, flowers and hampers they received following their recent sad loss of Mary. We would like to thank the staff at 4D, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and Campbeltown Hospital, especially the staff at the Dialysis Unit for their care over the years. Thanks also to Rev William Crossan for his personal and uplifting service, to David McEwan for his great musical accompaniment, to T A Blair Funeral Directors for their professional care and attention, and to all who paid their last respects to Mary at the church and graveyard. The collection raised £882.16 and will be split between the Red Cross Rural Transport Fund and Kintyre Dialysis Group. The family would like to thank you all very much.

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Some words of comfort

from Reverend David Carruthers of Ardrishaig and South Knapdale Parishes

"Trust and obey; for there's no other way" - words from a hymn that encourages us to live in a way that obeys God's ways for humanity, and to trust Him to take care of us as we do. In light of recent announcements from governments about self-isolating and social-distancing we all have to accept that trust is what is required of us - trusting those who are directing us for our own collective good, and simply obeying what we are told.

The exceptional closure of meeting places, businesses and shops is affecting our daily lives, as we attempt to reduce and delay the spread of Coronavirus and so I was asked to write something about what this means from a local minister's perspective.

Locally, churches have already cancelled their services and meetings, and I know I

have also conducted my last funeral service within a church building, for the foreseeable future. From now on, and in agreement with our local undertakers, funerals will be held at the graveside or crematorium with only immediate family present. The compassion and sincerity with which our First Minister made that instruction was heard, and no one can fail to appreciate that difficult and costly decisions are being taken daily to maintain the health of the nation.

So how might we cope? How can we encourage each other, keep in good heart and still keep our distance? What I offer is based on something being delivered to households within my parishes.

The words, "do not be afraid," come to mind. They are spoken more than 60 times

in the Bible. Fear can paralyse us and lead us into foolish ways of thinking and behaving. We all have fears from time to time - there's no shame in admitting it. The unknown is often what triggers our fears, and so much is unknown at present.

But let me encourage you to place that worry and fear with God - and trust. Trust that God is all-powerful and capable of handling every situation. He may not change things the way we think they should be changed, but He will lift those burdens and enable us to move forward without the fear that so easily can paralyse and confuse us. Don't let fear dominate your life.

I had hoped that the ringing of our church bell would continue on Sundays. Traditionally this is done to "call the people to worship" - to

let them know the service is about to begin. Now, I hope it will be rung so that our communities might know that someone is praying for us. For the moment, though, even this is put on hold. Hopefully it will be rung again soon and maybe you'll hear it as calling you to prayer too?

For centuries people have read from the Book of Psalms, especially in difficult times. So I conclude with these words from Psalm 73: "My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God is the strength of my heart; He is mine forever!" (verse 26).

During the coming weeks and months should you require any form of help please do not hesitate to contact any of the local ministers. We want to help as best we can.

MOKRUN called off but see you in 2021

Cancellation rather than postponement is the best option, says committee

Said to be the nation's friendliest running event, the Mull of Kintyre Run (MOKRUN) will not take place in 2020.

The event is not only the jewel in the crown of Kintyre running but also a valuable

source of revenue to the area's economy.

So it was with sadness, but in accordance with advice from Scottish Athletics, that the MOKRUN committee has announced the news.

The MOKRUN 10K and half-marathon running festival weekend, scheduled for May 24 and 25, are now cancelled.

Enforced break

The committee considered postponing the event until later in the year, but decided that, with so many larger and more centrally-based events choosing that option, it would be better to accept the enforced break and come back fresher and stronger for next year's event.

There is also much uncertainty over when restrictions will be lifted to consider, the committee felt.

So make a date for May 29 and 30, 2021.



Competitors in last year's MOKRUN 10K make their way along Dalaruan Street and High Street. 50_c13mokrun01

All of the 2020 entrants will receive an email in which they will be given the option to defer their place to the following year, ensuring entry into the 2021 event at this year's price.

Alternatively, they can opt to receive a refund of their £28 race entry fee, or to donate that fee to supporting the future of the event.

The entry places that become available will be offered

for sale in January 2021. Entry fees for the junior races and ceilidh ticket holders will automatically be refunded. Further information is available on the website www.mokrun.com

A spokesperson said: 'The committee members would like to send their heartfelt apologies and thanks to all of the local companies, individuals and volunteers who have

helped each year so faithfully, to make this one of the best events in Scotland.

'We hope that you all make it safely through this difficult and worrying time. If we had booked you for 2020 and you are able to offer your services again next year, please put the new date of May 29 and 30, 2021, in your diary and we look forward to working with you again then.'



David MacBrayne won Dunaverty's March medal.

Strong winds test Dunaverty players

Strong, freezing winds did not deter Dunaverty Golf Club's members from participating in the club's March medal.

The players struggled against a severe headwind on the outward nine but Lee Mathieson managed to record an excellent scratch 38 with David MacBrayne and Jimmy Williamson next best on 40.

The inward nine was slightly easier although swirling winds still made things difficult.

David turned in a scratch 39 on the way back and just managed to hold off Neil Brodie who produced a great scratch 38 to finish one shot adrift of David and pipped Alex Arkell for second place with a better inward half.

Result: 1 David MacBrayne 79-11=68, 2 Neil Brodie 80-11=69 (bih), 3 Alex Arkell 83-14=69, 4 John Marrison 85-15=70, 5 Danny Halliday 88-16=72 (bih), 6 Donald Brown (Southend) 90-18=72.

Lotto loot for Catherine

The draw for Dunaverty Golf Club's lotto took place on Sunday with the winning numbers of 4, 9 and 12.

Congratulations from all at the club go to Catherine Symwell who won the jackpot of £600.

Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the lottery is being suspended until further notice. The club thanks everyone for their support and for their understanding at this difficult time.



Race director Gail Williams is one of several 'ever presents' who can look forward to the 2021 race.

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The Am-Am at Dunaverty Golf Club has been postponed.

Dunaverty Golf Club Am-Am postponed

In light of current updated information provided by Scottish Golf and the government, the decision has been taken by the committee to postpone Dunaverty Golf Club's Am-Am until later on in the year.

Although club competitions will continue for

now, the committee felt that to allow a mass gathering of golfers would not be appropriate or safe. The unanimous decision was taken by the committee in conjunction with event sponsors, Glen Scotia.

The club issued a statement that said: 'We hope that this event can proceed at a later date.

'Future open competitions will be evaluated nearer their date and a decision will be taken on these with the current guidance at the time.

'Thank you for your understanding in this matter, we at Dunaverty hope you stay safe and well during this turbulent time.'

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Reid reels in the winner in angling competition

The fishing season got off to a flying start at Lussa Loch with Reid Anderson reeling in the winner at Kintyre Angling Club's opening day competition on Sunday March 15.

Reid won the day with two rainbow trout weighing a total of 8lbs 11oz. This included a brilliant overwintered fish at 6lbs 10oz.

Other anglers' catches were: Donnie Lawson 6lbs 8oz, John MacDonald 6lbs 5oz, Graham Paterson 5lbs 3oz, Alex Gilles 4lb 9oz, Karen Forbes 3lb 7oz, Archie McCallum 3lb 7oz, John McCallum 2lb 8oz and Cameron McKinven 2lbs 2oz.

Organisers say it was a good day, despite the turnout being a bit lower than normal, something they attribute to the changeable weather on the day.

The season runs from March 15 to October 6 with 12 competitions throughout

as well as prizes for the heaviest brown trout, the heaviest rainbow trout and the heaviest bag of the season.



Donnie Lawson, who had the second heaviest catch, netting in a fish.
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Sunday at Lussa Loch, has been postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic. The club is reviewing the situation on a weekly basis before making decisions about the rest of our competitions but insists the safety of anglers is of paramount importance at the moment.

For updates, see the Kintyre Angling Club Facebook page.

The club has recently received reports from members of people fishing illegally.

The spokesperson said: 'People have been seen worming at Auchalochy - our lochs are fly fishing and permit only. We would ask members to report any illegal fishing to the police by phoning 101.'

'The club is financed by its members, not by big business - we can ill afford to lose fish to poaching.'

Permits are available from the Hardware Store on Longrow.



The anglers who attended the opening day competition.
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Competition winner Reid Anderson with his overwintered fish which weighed in at 6lbs 10oz.



Landing a fish during the competition. KC_c13anglingcomp02



Anglers fish from the banks of Lussa Loch, beside the clubhouse. KC_c13anglingcomp03

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