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Carradale community fights for a say in forest's future

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Carradale Community Trust (CCT) has this week submitted to the Scottish Government a registration of interest in part of Carradale Forest in a bid to have a say in its future use.

Over the last 18 months, CCT and East Kintyre Community Council (EKCC) have worked to ensure the future sustainability of East Kintyre, engaging with almost every business, every resident and most second home owners, as well as many of the visitors who support the area's local economy, as they make progress through their local development plan.

A community survey identified that many residents and visitors want much more choice in terms of things like footpath networks, cycle ways and viewpoints. Many were keen to observe wildlife, especially golden and white-tailed eagles. Visitors also wanted to preserve East Kintyre's 'quiet beauty'.

Jennifer Lee, a member of

CCT's planning group, said: 'We have been refining plans to try and meet these aims and to encourage green tourism and sustainable growth. It is for this reason that we have registered an interest in part of Carradale Forest.'

'We are now declaring our interest in the publicly owned Carradale Forest, so that we can have our say in its future'

Carradale Forest, like many of Scotland's woodlands, is owned by Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS).

'This government body is the largest landowner in all of Kintyre, and is required to engage with the communities where it operates,' Dr Lee added. 'Yet FLS has not engaged with us, and has not willingly shared any of its own plans or allowed us to have any input into them.'

'It took a direction from the minister [Fergus Ewing MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy] before it published a new version of the Carradale Land Management Plan. This new plan actually reduces recreational zones, which FLS justifies because the community is not making use of them.'

'Frustratingly, FLS has never really made these areas usable in the first place, and this was something our plan had hoped to engage with FLS to remedy.'

CCT recently discovered that FLS has included the whole of Carradale Forest in an Energy Offering to wind farm developers, something which hastened the trust's plan to submit a registration of interest.

Dr Lee said: 'CCT and EKCC are not opposed to using the land to provide sustainable energy where it is appropriate; our registration of interest specifically excludes existing wind farms and allows for their repowerment.'

'However, we have come to understand that FLS's sole

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Staff at Campbeltown Hospital recently accepted a cheque for £106.99, the fruit of five-year-old Kianna Shields' hard work selling homemade lemonade outside her home.

Alison Hunter, local area manager for Kintyre, said: 'We have been overwhelmed with the response from our local communi-

ties [during the Covid-19 pandemic]. We are especially proud of Kianna Shields for being so thoughtful, kind and caring for others at this particular challenging time.'

'It's an impressive amount to donate to the hospital and we can't thank Kianna enough for her generosity and hard work.'



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POLICE FILES

Speeding motorist

A motorist was stopped on the A83 near Bellochantuy at about 6pm on Monday July 6, for allegedly exceeding the speed limit. The driver, a 49-year-old man, was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Public urination

A 69-year-old man urinated in public at about 9.35pm on Wednesday July 8 at Kinloch Road, Campbeltown. Police attended and the man was issued with a recorded police warning.

Fire-raising

Police and fire crews attended Kilmashenachan Caravan Park at about 5.30am on Thursday July 9 after a report of a caravan on fire. Two caravans were damaged by the blaze but nobody was injured.

Attempted break-in

Between 6pm and 6.45pm on Tuesday July 7 there was an attempted break-in to a shed in grounds of Dalintober Primary School, Campbeltown, with an attempt to force the lock.

Paint throwing

A 46-year-old woman threw cans of paint at a door in Mill Street, Campbeltown, at about 3pm on Friday July 10. Police attended and the woman was charged and issued with a recorded police warning. At about 12.30pm on Saturday July 11, in Mill Street, Campbeltown, a 32-year-old man threw a can of paint at a door. Police attended and the man was charged and issued with a recorded police warning.

Farm building damaged

Stonework on a building on farm land at Tigh Cargaman, Port Ellen, was damaged between noon on Monday June 1 and 10am on Wednesday June 3.

Car scratched

The driver's door of a grey Fiat 500 car was scratched between 7pm and 7.30pm on Monday July 6 near to the Co-op store, at Main Street, Bowmore, Islay.

Vehicle damaged

The driver's side of a black Volkswagen Golf car was scratched between 3.15pm and 4.45pm on Monday July 6, within a car park at Cattlemans, Islay House Square, Islay.

Masks don't need to be a communication barrier

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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When it became mandatory to wear face coverings in shops and on public transport in Scotland – unless exempt – one Campbeltown boy, who was born with a severe to profound hearing impairment, worried about how he would communicate effectively without the ability to lip read.

Gregor Craig, aged 12, did not have to worry for long, thanks to the volunteers at Kintyre Scrubs, who are now manufacturing face coverings with a transparent section over the mouth area.

Kintyre Scrubs was set up by Kintyre Community Resilience Group (KCRG) in response to local needs identified during lockdown. Initially, the group sought to assist NHS staff, carers and support workers by producing washable, protective garments known as scrubs. Taking inspiration from a Mid Argyll-based group, KCRG issued a plea for sewing volunteers and donations of materials.

Elise Glendinning stepped forward offering to help identify appropriate volunteers and coordinate these activities. The group now has between 10 and 15 volunteers who have made 75 sets of scrubs which have



Gregor Craig, right, with his brother Robbie and sister Jemma, sporting their transparent face coverings courtesy of Kintyre Scrubs.

been distributed to groups and locations, including Shopper-Aide and Greenwood Residential Home. The group is currently in the process of completing another bulk order from Campbeltown Grammar School. The volunteers have also made a total of 75 laundry bags.

When the Scottish Government made it compulsory to wear face coverings in some indoor spaces, Kintyre Scrubs sought to meet local demand and has so far made 583 cloth face masks which are being distributed freely to the local community via Keeping it Local, Campbeltown Town Hall and Shopper-Aide.

That was when Gregor's mum, Martine, asked if the

group would consider making transparent face coverings to assist people who rely on lip reading to communicate.

So far Kintyre Scrubs has made more than 40 transparent face coverings, which have been hailed as a huge success and are now being distributed to people with hearing impairments and their families and key workers.

Martine told the Courier: 'The Kintyre Scrubs team took this challenge on board and after a few wee trials and adjustments we have these fully functional masks. It is just amazing!'

'I have a young man at home who was very concerned about how he'd be able to communicate with 'normal' masks

and he is delighted with these. I also know from feedback from the Kintyre Scrubs team that he's not the only one – I couldn't be more thankful to them.'

Elise said: 'Our thanks must go to the sewing volunteers, who have worked relentlessly since the start – they are a great team. Also Jason McCallum of Keeping it Local for storage of fabrics, deliveries, distribution of essential bags and accessing sanitiser; Emma Woods of Davaar Launderette for cleaning our donated fabric; Terry Smith, sewing machine engineer, for keeping our machines tip top; John Armour of Argyll FM, for keeping everyone informed; KCRG for help with funding the accessories required, deliveries and posts on its Facebook page; and the good people of Kintyre for fabric donations.'



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Contact numbers for the outreach/support team

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The Volunteer Befriending Team

Our volunteer befriending service called Circle of Friends is continuing to run. Volunteers are maintaining contact with the individuals they are befriending by telephone. Our volunteer Co-ordinator, Ryan Taylor, continues to support this service. If you have an interest in this service Ryan can be contacted via the telephone number 0793 203 9801.

Dochas Counselling Team

The dedicated Counselling Team are currently offering online and telephone counselling to unpaid carers and their families, those who have been bereaved or those living with a long term or terminal condition. During the Covid-19 crisis, the Team have also set up a telephone support service for anyone feeling anxious or struggling during lockdown.

For further information or to arrange an appointment, please telephone Alison Whitefield, Lead Counsellor, on 07432 231217 or contact the service via counselling@dochasfund.org.uk or message the Dochas Facebook page. We are here to support you.



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We have regular information and updates on our facebook page mid Argyll youth development services.

Online support is also available on www.cool2talk.org.

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Argyll and Bute's first female Lord-Lieutenant

Argyll and Bute will have its first female Lord-Lieutenant later this month with the appointment of Jane MacLeod, confirmed by Her Majesty the Queen on July 14.

The current Lord-Lieutenant, Patrick Stewart CVO MBE WS, is due to retire on July 25 after 33 years of service to the Lieutenancy of Argyll and Bute and nine years as the Queen's official representative to the area.

Mrs MacLeod was first appointed to the Lieutenancy in 2006 and is currently the Vice Lieutenant for Argyll and Bute. Over the past 14 years she has been involved in all aspects of Lieutenancy business, including playing a key role in Royal visits, participating in the honours system and supporting Argyll and Bute's 12 Depute Lieutenants.

The Lord-Lieutenant Patrick Stewart said: 'I was most pleased to hear that Her Majesty the Queen had confirmed the appointment of Jane MacLeod to the role of Lord-Lieutenant. Jane has been

a tremendous support to the Lieutenancy and to me over the past several years.

'She is passionate about seeing Argyll and Bute and its people thrive and has played a very active part in community



Jane MacLeod will be Argyll and Bute's first female Lord-Lieutenant.

life over the years. She will make a first-class Lord-Lieutenant and I wish her all the very best in this new role. I know she will bring to it her

characteristic dedication and commitment.'

Mrs MacLeod added: 'It is an immense privilege and honour to be appointed by Her Majesty to serve as her Lord-Lieutenant in Argyll and Bute. I have very much enjoyed working with Patrick and the Lieutenancy over the years. I am absolutely delighted to be appointed and I am very much looking forward to embarking on this new challenge.'

Following Mr Stewart's retirement on July 25, Mrs MacLeod will become the Lord-Lieutenant for Argyll and Bute. The role involves acting as the official representative of Her Majesty the Queen in Argyll and Bute; assisting in the arrangements for Royal visits to the area; identifying and nominating people and community groups to various national honours and awards schemes; and a range of other ceremonial duties.

More information about the Lieutenancy of Argyll and Bute and its activities can be found at www.llab.org.uk

Fighting for a say in forest's future

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focus is to maximise the income that it can extract from 'its' lands. Tourism and recreational use is never going to be a big earner for it. Yet tourism is central to our survival.

'FLS, as a government body, should be working with us to sustain this core industry. Pretty much all of FLS's actions over the past year run counter to this: failure to engage with our community; ignoring both Argyll and Bute's Proposed LDP2 (Diagram seven - Spacial Framework for Windturbines) and our local development plan; avoiding statutory obligations to consult in a meaningful way about decisions that will have a permanent impact upon our area and our lives.'

Dr Lee added: 'Our vision is that any future developments must be done in a sympathetic and collaborative way, in full consultation with the community. Our future forest cannot be consigned to being a source of revenue for a remote landlord that values monetary return over the community or the rare flora and fauna residing within its bounds.'

'The Scottish Government has crafted inspiring legislation that aims to empower

communities. Because of this, we were encouraged to write a plan for our own local development, and were told that this plan would matter to ministers and planners.

'We are now declaring our interest in the publicly owned Carradale Forest, so that we can have our say in its future. We are asking the government and its agents to demonstrate whether we

'Our vision is that any future developments must be done in a sympathetic and collaborative way'

are really empowered or not.' In response to the assertion that it has 'ignored' Argyll and Bute's Proposed LDP2 and CCT's local development plan, FLS told the Courier that it does not itself develop wind farms.

A spokesperson added: 'Developing new, clean and renewable energy sources is a key part of Scotland's response in the face of the climate emergency.'

'Scotland's national forests and land have considerable

potential to contribute to this and also to help improve sustainability, benefit communities, and to generate income that will support our efforts to sustain, enhance and expand Scotland's national forest resource... FLS needs to ensure that it is a financially sustainable business.

'We continue to explore the potential of the renewable energy resource on the land that we manage and have recently sought proposals for renewable energy generation and storage projects. Any that come forward will be assessed through our evaluation process, with successful applicants being awarded the sites for further investigation. Following the investigation period and further assessment of the proposals successful proposals will have to go through the normal planning process to gain consent.'

'We have not yet released any area around Carradale and we are working with the local communities on the matter. We have engaged with both East Kintyre Renewable Energy Group and CCT regarding the Energy Offering over the last month, holding several telephone meetings with both groups.'



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Communication is key

Since they became mandatory it has been hard to escape adverts for a wide range of face coverings on social media and online 'for sale' pages.

Despite the myriads of designs on offer, we at the Courier had never seen a mask with a transparent panel to allow for lip reading until the Kintyre Community Resilience Group shared photographs of those made by Kintyre Scrubs.

Clearly it had not occurred to many people that the inability to communicate this way would be an issue for people with hearing impairments, given the lack of face masks on offer that cater for lip readers.

It is a shame, but probably inevitable, that until we are directly affected by something, we can be completely unaware of the issues which could arise for some people from new rules and regulations.

It is also worth pointing out that not everyone has to wear a mask – the Scottish Government has outlined a number of reasons why people may be unable to do so.

Those who are exempt may already feel vulnerable having to put themselves at higher risk than others, so should not be made to feel like they are breaking the rules.

Those people are being advised that they should not have to produce a doctor's letter or any other proof of their exemption – something of which we should all take note.

Overdue infrastructure works are needed

With lockdown starting to ease, many of my constituents are increasingly raising justifiable concerns about local and trunk road conditions, grass verges that need cutting, ditches, culverts and drains that are becoming overgrown and flooded, and the need for long overdue maintenance at our many graveyards and cemeteries.

While it is very understandable that some of these works were put on the back-burner during the recent coronavirus pandemic, in my opinion, it is now time for these matters to be addressed.

With winter approaching and an inevitable increase in traffic on our roads from tourists visiting late and possibly staying longer due to coronavirus concerns, it's clear that our struggling roads network will face a two pronged assault.

Our hardworking front-line roads men can only use the resources they have on hand and local authority budgets across rural Scotland continue to be hit the hardest despite an increase in available resources that the Scottish Government has on hand.

Despite all these financial challenges that lie ahead for the Kintyre and the Islands ward, I will continue to lobby all year round at both a local and central government level for a better deal for my constituents.

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

Doon the watter

'Here we are again, happy as can be, all good friends, and jolly good company.'

This was the opening number sung by the troupe of variety entertainers who performed at Clyde coast resorts, including Tarbert, 100 summers ago.

A poem by Dugald Mitchell reads: 'Think no more of foreign parts, fabled alp or castellated Rhine. Step aboard the good Columba, book for Tarbert on Loch Fyne.'

Let us hope the paddle steamer Waverley

gets technical problems sorted and Waverley Trust management can again take bookings for Campbeltown, Tarbert and for many more Clyde and Hebridean destinations ere too long.

**Duncan Iain MacDougall,
Tarbert.**

The elephant in the room

People occasionally ignore the elephant in the room to support their point of view, but in his latest letter, Councillor Alastair Redman has ignored an entire herd in his living room.

In his latest rant he states that the SNP is failing councils as the cost of coronavirus could hit more than £400 million, but surely these costs would be the same no matter who was in power?

He also suggests that 'essential local services have been underfunded for years' yet fails to mention the years of needless austerity cuts, actioned by his party and their collaborators, to bail out the greedy and risky practices of the banks, which reduced funding to a devastatingly low level in general.

It is worth noting that the Scottish Government has put a greater percentage of its curtailed income into NHS Scotland than any part of the UK.

This has helped NHS Scotland to outperform all of the others in the UK for the past five years. This is paying dividends now.

He returns to his familiar attempt to insult by referring to citizens who want to take responsibility for making and managing decisions and working to make their country prosper within the priorities set by its citizens as 'separatists'.

I'm glad to be described as a separatist because the alternative is to be an apologist for an unrepresentative government in Westminster and to abdicate decision making to that same out-of-touch group.

It is Councillor Redman's final point, however, that demonstrates his blinkered sycophancy. His suggestion that the Scottish Government should follow the example of other parts of the UK. Could he really be saying that we should follow the chaotic shambles and incompetence that has emanated from his chums at Westminster?

Does he seriously think that any sensible per-

son, irrespective of their own political affiliation and from any of the devolved nations, would swap what their government has done for the Westminster model?

Sadly, nowhere in his missive does Councillor Redman take time to mention the health and safety of our citizens.

It is this, together with scientific advice and without political point scoring, that is driving the Scottish Government's response to this tragic pandemic.

**Kevin MacKaveney,
Tarbert.**

Support Scottish tourism

We all have a role to play in the recovery of the country's tourism industry after its reopening on July 15.

Scots could help by taking a trip, visiting an attraction or experience, shopping locally, dining out and booking a 'staycation'.

Scottish tourism is facing its biggest challenge in a generation and will need financial support for some time to come to help it recover. The Scottish public has a crucial part to play in helping this happen.

It's easy to not think of yourself as a tourist in your own country but many of the experiences that we often enjoy with loved ones, such as holidays, shopping or eating out, all contribute to our visitor economy.

July 15 marked a new era for the industry as we start to welcome back visitors and take our first steps on the road to a safe and responsible recovery.

However, reopening won't be the same for all businesses, many are still adapting to this 'new normal', so it's important that we recognise that as we move forward to try and restore our industry.

We look forward to helping Scots rediscover their own country in a way that is safe for everyone – visitors, residents and those working within the industry.

Recovery will require our collective efforts and we must act as one to ensure the best possible outcomes for the whole of the visitor economy.

**Malcolm Roughead,
VisitScotland chief executive.**

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PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This atmospheric photograph showing a rainbow arching over Dunaverty Rock was taken by 12-year-old Cara Hay during a visit to Southend on July 5.

Cara, whose family lives in Glasgow but has a home in Campbeltown,

took the shot using her mobile phone.

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

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cold weather sets in again! You can contact us by phone on 01631 720539, or via the website or our Facebook page.

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday July 16, 2010

Monty knocks the spots off them!

Monty, the 13-month-old Dalmatian puppy owned by Louise Farmer and Greig Ferguson, of Sound of Kintyre, won best in show at the Campbeltown Pet Show on Saturday.



Ten years ago: Monty with owners Louise Farmer and Greig Ferguson and their prize.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday July 21, 1995

A tooth and nail battle

Campbeltown Pupils AFC manager Alex McKinven looks back at the highs and lows of his side's season.

This season past will be regarded as the closest fought Premier League campaign on record. With little to choose between most of the sides, the battle still raged on to the very last day of the season.

St Patrick's from Dumbarton once more proved to be the strongest outfit, securing the championship from a much improved Fernhill Villa, with East Kilbride YMCA a close third.

The real drama, however, was the enthralling battle between no fewer than nine league clubs who fought tooth and nail to avoid the drop, with the local Pupils having the added headache of completing seven fixtures in the last four weekends.

The crucial matches for the local favourites were against the two leading sides, St Pat's and Fernhill, both matches coming with only one

day's respite separating both fixtures.

On the Saturday, all looked lost against Fernhill, the Pupils trailing by two goals to nil against a side playing at the top of their form and looking certain to clinch both points.

Suddenly it was all to change. The Pupils came back from the edge to score three times in the last 15 minutes to record an astounding victory.

It was then on to Dumbarton and with the adrenalin still coursing through the veins, the Pupils were within an ace of recording a famous victory, but in the end had to settle for a creditable draw.

The final Saturday of the season as a nailbiting affair with Hamilton on 29 points, Cumbernauld on 19 and Gourock Athletic on 17 – the only clear cut situation being that Dalmarnock, with only 14 points, were definitely going to be relegated.

Although shielded by a better goal difference,

the Pupils realised that an eleventh hour disaster could still see them take the plunge.

They travelled to Camphill with a steely determination and never looked like being second best, running out winners by two goals to one and in the process they were able to steer themselves to a mid table position. In the end Gourock Athletic went down.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday July 16, 1970

Rates rise again

The new county rates should be 17s 10d in the £ for dwelling houses and 21s 2d in the £ for other properties. This was proposed at yesterday's meeting of Argyll County Council Finance Committee by the committee chairman, Mr L. G. Hinge.

This is an increase of 1s on the domestic rate, and 1s 10d on the general rate, the same increases as were made last year.

The services hardest hit by the increases are education, social work, roads and police.

The net expenditure on education was up by £238,542 on last year. More than £166,000 of that went on teachers' salaries.

Social work cost £37,966 more last year. This provides for a full year of the Dunoon Eventide Home, the first full year since its opening. Mr Hinge stated that he had asked the chairman of the Social Work Committee to consider carefully before embarking on the many new kinds of expenditure which St Andrew's House are encouraging county authorities to undertake.

Classified roads costs increased by £37,590,

after allowing for a reasonable increase in maintenance expenditure.

The police service cost an extra £27,751

Councillor Hinge said: 'The cost of borrowing for our capital programmes has reached historically high levels over the past year, and I knew that local authorities who had relied on temporary loans had been forced to pay in March and April over 15 per cent for them.'

'So in the finance sub-committee we had warned the chairman of spending committees to exercise a tight control of their expenditure, and, wherever possible in the budget, to delete and defer any proposals for expansions to their services.'

'We budgeted for an expenditure of £5,033,183 and actually spent 98.78 per cent of this, leaving a useful surplus of £61,317. Our actual income, other than Rate Support Grant, exceeded our estimate by 1.44 per cent, another surplus of £16,478.'

'The real windfall came in rate support grants where the new calculation at the end of the year produced a surplus of £83,391 for the landward area.'

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Royal visits of other days – Queen Victoria at Campbeltown

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and Queen Mary recalls the historic occasion when Queen Victoria spent a night on board ship in Campbeltown Loch.

The story of that visit has been preserved in Cuthbert Bede's 'Argyll's Highlands', a most interesting volume now out of print.

Queen Victoria's visit to Campbeltown, or rather Campbeltown Harbour, was on Saturday, September 17, 1847 on her way from her then Highland home at Ardverrick.

It was the first royal visit paid to old Ceann Loch since the days of the old Scottish kings.

The royal squadron arrived at Campbeltown on the Saturday afternoon. Her majesty had gone to Ardverrick, near Fort William, that year through the Crinan Canal, and returned by the same route.

On the day when she came to Campbeltown the portion of the squadron that accompanied her to Crinan, as soon as she landed there to go on board the track-boat, set off round the Mull of Kintyre and so reached Campbeltown from the south.

The other ships were waiting at Ardrishaig, having gone there some days previously. It so happened that the two divisions of the squadron met just as they were entering the harbour, and it is said that it was Her Majesty who first descried the vessels that rounded the Mull as she sailed down Kilbrannan Sound.

Campbeltown was splendidly illuminated for the occasion, and bonfires blazed on quays and on the surrounding hills. The whole population was abroad, and in a state of highest excitement and delight.

Her majesty frequently showed herself upon deck, so did also the Prince Consort, until the shadows of night began to fall, so that the Campbeltown people had a good opportunity of seeing her and she could view our beautiful harbour and town to great advantage.

DOWN MEMORY LANE



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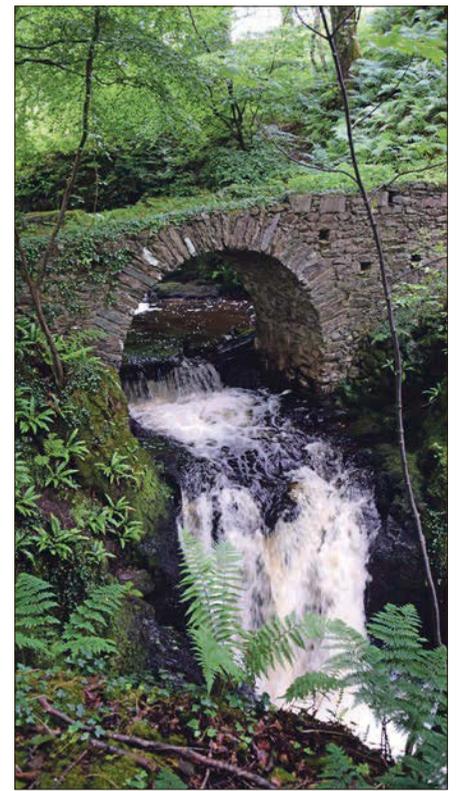
Well done to those who recognised the mystery location in last week's Down Memory Lane as what's known locally as 'The Temple' at Largie Estate, Tayinloan.

The landmark, about which not a huge amount is known, sits on top of a hill amidst woodland in the estate's grounds.

An entry on the Canmore website, which is a Scottish national online database of ancient monuments, reads: 'A small but prominent hillock the top of which is cultivated into a

flower garden. An additional note by the owner, C MacDonald Morton, Largie Castle, says it is an ancient tumulus with artificially scarped sides, known as The Temple.'

The archaeology notes continue with a line from the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, which states: 'This mound has been so altered by landscape gardening that it is impossible to say whether or not any prehistoric monument ever existed.'



This bridge allows access to the site which is located in woodland at Largie Estate.

Part of a wall and the remains of a structure at what's known as The Temple.

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Enjoy summer safely by

People across the country are being encouraged to enjoy summer safely by following official advice and staying safe.

Pubs, restaurants, bars and hairdressers are

following UK Government advice and started to make plans to reopen, marking the start of summer.

Safety measures to protect staff and customers are being put in

**ENJOY
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place, with people asked to be sensible, continue to

follow social distancing messages and stay close to home to support local business.

To help people plan days out, the UK Government has launched the Know

Before You Go website at visitbritain.com/gb/en/know-before-you-go

Here, we look at what action businesses have taken to ensure we can all enjoy summer safely.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT: That Rosie Glow hair and beauty salon opens up again on July 15.

'I want to ensure clients and staff feel safe returning to the salon'

CASE STUDY THAT ROSIE GLOW

EDINBURGH HAIR and beauty salon That Rosie Glow is preparing to open for business on July 15 after almost four months of closure due to the coronavirus lockdown.

A number of safety measures will be in place to help prevent the spread of Covid-19 when the business opens.

The salon has already installed clear screens between each treatment station, and at the reception desk.

Customers and staff will be asked to wear face coverings, and customers will be requested to visit the salon alone where possible, and arrive on time rather than early to reduce time spent in the waiting area. They will have to keep their coats and belongings with them instead of them being hung up by

staff, and there will be no magazines or refreshments available.

Each station and any equipment used will be thoroughly cleaned between customers, and clean towels or gowns will be used with each one.

Salon owner Rosie Fraser said: "We closed on March 23, but we have kept our social media active and positive, and kept in touch with clients." Ms Fraser said she has tried to make the new measures as



comfortable as possible, including the screens bearing the salon's name.

She said: "I wanted to make sure the clients and also the staff felt safe coming back, and we also wanted people to feel like it's a nice experience and not too clinical.

"In this new normal we will be coming into we wanted to have safety but with style so that women still feel like they are having an enjoyable experience. Our whole ethos is to make women feel empowered, beautiful, confident and glowing not only on the outside but on the inside too. With new measures making our usual level of service and attention to detail looking likely to change we did not want to have cheap looking, temporary fixtures.

"We have had bespoke screens made with our logo engraved onto them and frames custom made and sprayed to be on brand."

THE UK Government is helping thousands of pubs, restaurants and hairdressers reopen safely with detailed practical information to help keep staff and customers safe.

The new Covid-19 secure guidance for the hospitality sector and hairdressers meant businesses were able to reopen across England on July 4, provided they met key criteria.

UK Government officials have worked alongside over 300 key industry stakeholders and trade unions to develop clear plans in line with scientific advice and public health directions, building on existing guidance published in May.

The new guidance sets out a range of measures for pubs and restaurants to become Covid-19 secure, including:

- requiring use of table service where possible instead of ordering at the bar and assigning a single staff member per table

- encouraging use of contactless ordering from tables where available, such as through an app
- discouraging non-essential trips by staff within venues, such as between the kitchen and front of house, by using radios and other electronic devices to communicate

- encouraging customers to use hand sanitiser or hand washing facilities as they enter the venue
- providing clear guidance on social distancing and hygiene as people arrive on the premises, with signage and visual aids

Business Secretary Alok Sharma said: "We know this pandemic has been particularly hard for people working in hairdressing



SAFETY ADVICE: Business Secretary Alok Sharma.

and hospitality. Allowing pubs, restaurants and hairdressers to open will be another step in our plan to kickstart our economic recovery in a safe manner."

The guidance that is set out provides clear, practical steps businesses can take to open in a way that is as safe as possible for workers and customers.

Separate guidance has been published for hairdressers, which states that a clear visor should be worn by the person providing the service, covering the face and providing a barrier between the wearer and the customer from respiratory droplets caused by sneezing, coughing or speaking.

The government is also consulting with industry on how businesses should record customer information to help keep customers and employees safe and support the new test and trace system.

Guidance for your business

THE UK Government has published guidance to support businesses to reopen and keep workers and customers safe so they feel confident to return.

To find out about measures your business needs to implement to reopen safely, there is an online tool, which will direct you to guidelines specific to your type of workplace

at gov.uk/coronavirus-business-reopening.

If you run a business and would like to know which of the coronavirus support schemes you are eligible for, you can use the business support finder tool. It takes just minutes to complete and will help you easily find support for your business.

visitbritain.com/gb/en/know-before-you-go to plan your days out

following official advice



LOOKING UP: Corgi co-owner Chris Jones.

CASE STUDY CORGI

WHEN LOCKDOWN was announced, luxury knitwear company Corgi knew they had the experience to get through the Covid-19 crisis.

The Welsh firm – which has a Royal Warrant from the Prince of Wales – has ridden many an economic downturn in its illustrious 128-year-old history. Co-owner Chris Jones, who is great-great grandson of the company's founder, said: "We take a view that you can get through anything. I think it

'Orders starting to pick up once again'

makes it easier because we've been through crises before."

It helped that the Ammanford-based firm had been through five fantastic years before coronavirus struck. In March they furloughed 50 of their 65 staff but now many are returning as orders begin to pick up. Corgi

makes hand-finished wool, cotton and cashmere socks and other knitwear and Chris said: "Normally we run two shifts on the sock machine, so we kept going with one. Next week going back to one and a half shifts – we're going to have the other knitters coming in some of the time."

With shops reopening, old customers are beginning to ask for new sales catalogues and Chris expects business to pick up properly in around a month.

What has helped the business survive more than anything though was the package of financial help the Government made available.

Chris said: "The furlough scheme has practically saved us. Without it, we'd have been in a lot of trouble or we'd have managed but we'd have had to let a lot of people go."

Haircuts return with new safety measures

CASE STUDY THE BARBER'S DEN

HAIRDRESSER AND barber Claire McKittrick faced worrying times when she had to close her salon The Barber's Den, which also houses the Hairdresser's Den.

But Claire, her staff and her customers are delighted that the Lisburn business is reopening after putting safety measures in place.

Claire first opened the Barber's Den four years ago and such was its popularity she also decided to expand to include The Hairdresser's Den for all the ladies of Lisburn.

When they had to put the business on hold due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it was an understandably worrying time for Claire and her staff.

She said: "I am heavily pregnant. I'm 37 weeks now. When I found out the salon had to close the first thought

was stress, panic, and what is going to happen to my clients. We closed early. We have about 30 to 40 clients a day so that is a lot of footfall and I had a real concern about safety."

Claire and her team have been busy getting the salon ready to welcome back her valued customers.

With the rearrangement of the salon to allow social distancing, the introduction of PPE, risk assessment and team training, Claire is ready for the influx of people who are desperate for a haircut after the long months of lockdown.

Claire said: "The guidelines are good. We have posters up with the guidelines on them and I have held a team meeting to carry out a risk assessment and explain to the staff what is expected of them."

"Hand sanitisers have been installed and everywhere has been thoroughly cleaned."



HAPPY DAYS: Claire McKittrick and her staff are reopening The Barber's Den with rigorous safety measures in place.*



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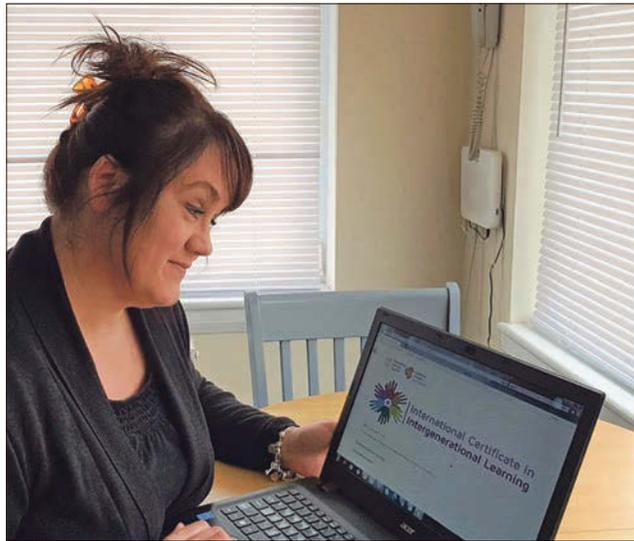
during this summer

Michele picks up global tips on intergenerational learning

Campbeltown's Michele Prout has been exceptionally busy in her role as 1000 Voices project coordinator during the last few months, taking on an additional workload to support the most socially isolated and lonely individuals across Argyll and Bute during the COVID-19 emergency.

The 1000 Voices project, which is managed by Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI), a registered charity and social enterprise that has local responsibility for social enterprise support, third sector support and volunteering, is aimed at enabling people aged 65 or over to live in their own homes for longer and become less socially isolated, active and more involved with the community.

As well as regular interactions with her clients, to whom Michele delivered activity packs throughout lockdown, she came up with the idea for 'Together Argyll and Bute' – a Facebook page to support peo-



Michele Prout, 1000 Voices project coordinator.

ple across Argyll and Bute fight the boredom of lockdown, while keeping their minds active. Each day, the page shares a number of quizzes, activity ideas and daily affirmations to support and encourage Argyll residents during the lockdown period.

Michele has also arranged various photographic competitions and been the driving force behind the 'lockdown memories' project – and she even managed to bag a celebrity judge or two!

Michele said: 'It has been really important to keep in contact with our clients to boost morale and see how

we can provide additional support. Together Argyll and Bute came about as a way of providing something more positive, and enjoyable for people to focus their attention on, as opposed to the constant slew of negativity in the press – something we all know has a detrimental effect on our health and wellbeing.'

Michele also found time in her busy schedule to complete her International Certification in Intergenerational Learning, alongside 28 others from nine different countries.

1000 Voices, the last remaining project of Argyll and Bute TSI, comes to an end in March 2021, and the leadership team is fully prepared to engage with the Health and Social Care Partnership in relation to reallocation of the funding the project receives into existing third sector organisations.

Overnight resurfacing works taking place at four Kintyre locations

Essential resurfacing works at four locations on the A83 between Whitehouse and Bellochantuy are set to get under way on Sunday (July 19).

The project will see more than 2.6km of road resurfaced and is expected to take up to four weeks to complete. Work will take place between 8pm and 5am each night with no work programmed to take place on Friday or Saturday nights.

The project is programmed as follows: North of Bellochantuy – Sunday July 19 to Sunday July 26 (six nights); Ballochroy – Monday July 27 to Thursday July 30 (four nights); Kilchenzie – Sunday August 2 to Thursday August 6 (five nights); and south of Whitehouse – Sunday August 9 to Thursday August 13 (five nights).

Due to the narrow carriageway widths at each location, work will be undertaken using a full road closure for safety. As there is no suitable diversion route available, amnesties will be provided at 9pm, 10pm, midnight, 2am and 4am each night.

During these times vehicles will be safely escorted through the site under a 10mph convoy traffic management system. Emergency services will be able to pass through the works at all times.

Strict physical distancing protocols, in line with Scottish Government guidance, will be in place to ensure all site personnel remain safe once the project gets underway. New safe operation procedures and risk assessments have also been developed to ensure teams are kept safe throughout the project.

This A83 will remain open during the daytime to keep disruption to a minimum, however, to ensure the safety of motorists a speed restriction of 30mph will remain in place as traffic will be running on a temporary surface.

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Members of Southend's resilience group, from left: Margaret McDowall, Elizabeth Barbour and Pat Healey.

Kintyre groups benefit from Lottery funding

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Several Kintyre groups were among 13 from Argyll and Bute to share £1,393,132 of National Lottery funding.

The National Lottery Community Fund in Scotland is currently focusing its funding on projects that are supporting organisations and communities to respond to the challenge of Covid-19.

Benefit

Among the Kintyre groups to benefit were Dunaverty Hall, which received £2,500 to support vulnerable members of the Southend community during the pandemic with a particular focus on food shopping and prescriptions; and Kintyre Link Club, which was granted £10,000 to increase support to individuals affected

by fragile mental health during the coronavirus crisis.

Margaret McDowall, a member of Dunaverty Hall committee and Southend Community Council, said: 'We were fortunate to receive funding which was to help with our resilience group during the pandemic. We have a team of 20 volunteers who have been shopping for residents, delivering prescriptions from the surgery, getting fuel for lawn mowers and so on. Thank you to all who have helped with deliveries.'

Kintyre Link Club's funding award helped pay for two new members of staff - support worker Roxanne Docherty and therapist Gayle Barrett, to work alongside manager Tracy Chambers, helping more than 20 people in Kintyre who suffer from poor mental health.

Southend's diamond couple



May and Tommy Wilson have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

A Southend couple have celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary after 60 years of marriage.

Tommy Wilson married May Wallace in Glasgow, where the couple lived at the time, on June 25, 1960.

They had a son, David, and a daughter, Lynn, who moved to Southend in 2006. The couple joined Lynn in Southend shortly afterwards and have lived there since.

Tommy and May enjoyed a quiet anniversary celebration at home this year, in light of the current coronavirus restrictions.

SKDT seeks volunteers to help keep town looking beautiful

South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) is seeking volunteers to help a local group start beautifying parts of the town that have been slightly neglected over the past few months.

At the moment plans are focused on further developing the Gateway Garden at Aqualibrium Avenue to make it look more appealing and more accessible to the local community.

In the next few months the group plans to identify more areas which are in need of improvement.

Early days

This will feed into a larger plan to start a community growing scheme which is in the early days of development.

Eric Spence, SKDT manager, said: 'If you are interested in growing or are

prepared to help out with landscaping, planting, weeding and so on, we would like to hear from you.

'We will provide any tools or safety equipment required and will ensure that social distancing and other public health measures are observed.'

For more information or to volunteer, contact Eric by emailing eric@skdt.org or telephoning 01586 552870.

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Happy lockdown birthday to this fab four!

Birthdays during a global pandemic are bound to be different from usual.

People may be unable to celebrate with family and friends as they normally would but they have been finding other ways to make their day special.

This is how some Kintyre birthday girls spent or plan to spend their day. Happy birthday to everyone celebrating a lockdown birthday.

Don't forget to let us know about your friend or family member's lockdown

birthday and we will give them a shout-out. Email a photograph to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk including their full name, age, where they are from and a bit about how they celebrated or plan to celebrate.



Keryn McPhee from Campbeltown will be 21 on Sunday, July 19. She plans to celebrate with a cocktail garden party with friends and family, and everyone is looking forward to celebrating with her.



Mia McConnachie from Campbeltown will be seven on Wednesday July 22. Mia, who was born on the same day as Prince George of Cambridge, is hoping for nice weather so she can have a couple friends in the garden for a mini sports day, as they missed out on their school event this year. All the family sends her lots of love.



Ellie Hart from Campbeltown will be 16 on Monday July 20. Her mum, dad and little brother Jayden said: 'We hope you have a great weekend celebrating with family and friends.'



Lucy McNair from Campbeltown turned 10 yesterday, Thursday July 16. Her mum, dad, sister Ellie and dog Ben sent her lots of birthday wishes.



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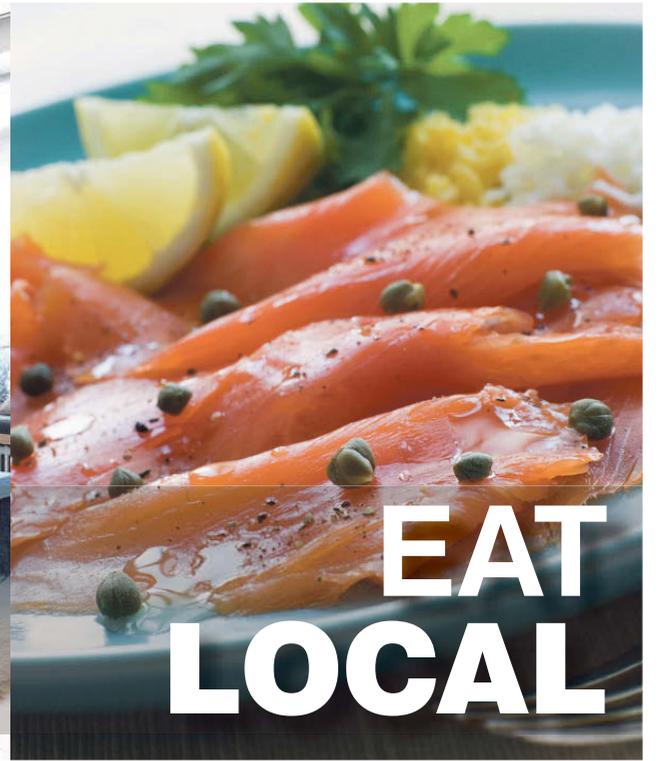
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available in more commercial outlets. Local shops also support artists and designers, local authors and artisans. Buy something unique to your area!

■ Charity matters! – Local businesses often hold charity events, social groups and community gatherings in aid of charities that are closer to home to the benefit of the community.

Let's help keep our area a safe place and please remember the Scottish advice on face coverings.

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Looking forward to seeing you!

For everyone who has been missing their regular trip to Glenbarr Stores for lunch, coffee and cake, the wait is now over!

In preparation for the grand restaurant reopening tomorrow (Saturday July 18), proprietors Zofia and Eleanor and their team have been busy baking to make sure there are plenty of your favourites, and working hard to make sure the restaurant is looking fantastic inside and out, ready for your return.

While bookings are essential, you are guaranteed a warm welcome and excellent home-cooked local produce.

Glenbarr Stores has set up both inside and outside seating, and staff would like to reassure customers that they are strictly adhering to government guidelines. Zofia and Eleanor said: 'We'll meet you, seat you, tell you we've missed you and that you've not changed a bit. Chat about the menu, feed you and then say

cheerio until the next time.

'Bookings are essential. We are allowing an hour and a half for your lunch reservation, giving you time to relax and enjoy the company, food and ambiance, or one hour for coffee and cake.

'To stick with Covid guidelines, can we ask customers to please wear face coverings until you're seated and when moving about the cafe.'

Seating at the restaurant will be limited and staff are asking

that customers are patient with them while they navigate this new normal. Their top priority is to ensure all their customers have a safe and enjoyable visit to Glenbarr Stores. In line with Government guidelines staff will require the contact details of the person making the booking. Bookings can be made via email: glenbarrstores@outlook.com, phone: 01583 421200 or Facebook message, www.facebook.com/glenbarrstores



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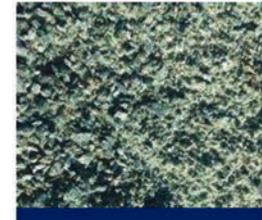
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Tennent's welcomes people back to the pubs with a pint

As pubs in Campbeltown begin to reopen their doors, Tennent's has pledged a pint to Scotland as part of its 'Dedicated to You' campaign.

Complimentary pints of Tennent's Lager and Tennent's Light will be waiting for people to enjoy at licensed venues in the town.

Tennent's Lager, which has been a part of Scottish culture and society for 135 years, is now offering to buy Scotland a pint following a tough few months for everyone.

With people unable to meet up with friends and family during this time, and many occasions and celebrations missed, the company wanted to be with the nation as people come together with those they care about after months of absence.

Bars, hotels and clubs in Campbeltown including the Burnside Bar, the Feathers Inn, the Ailsa Bar, the Kilbrannan Bar, the Fiddlers Inn and the Ardshiel Hotel have signed up and are looking forward to serving their customers quality pints once again.

Tennent's announced Dedicated to You last week with a video soundtracked by former T-Break artist Declan Welsh and the Decadent West's heart-warming anthem, Times – a song all about relishing life and being with friends.

Tennent's described it as 'the perfect accompaniment' to the film which follows bartenders returning to work, alongside drinkers holding signs with names of people



Kenny Gray, managing director at Tennent's.

to whom they would like to dedicate a well-deserved pint. Drinkers can claim their complimentary pint by visiting Tennentsdedicatedtoyou.com. They can also share the campaign with someone close to them so they can also sign up to get a fresh pint in one of the thousands of participating bars.

In recent weeks Scotland has been gradually getting back to business and the brewery team has been working around the clock to ensure freshly brewed pints of Tennent's Lager and Tennent's Light are available for outlets reopening all over the country.

Kenny Gray, managing director at Tennent's, said: 'For the last 135 years, Tennent's Lager has been dedicated to Scotland and proud to serve the freshest, quality pints to pubs and drinkers across the country.'

'From moments with friends and family to birthdays, holidays, anniversaries and graduations – the list of things we've all missed during this difficult period is endless.'

Covid performance helps CalMac secure top customer award

The UK's largest ferry operator has secured the highest level of accreditation for the helpfulness and professionalism of its customer operations staff.

CalMac's 47-strong customer service team was given the much-coveted top-level quality assurance mark by the Contact Centre Association (CCA).

The association commended CalMac for its commitment to customer service, especially in the face of the coronavirus emergency.

Rapid and regular changes to travel guidelines as the crisis

developed pushed the customer team to its limits.

Over March, April and May they processed nearly 30,000 refunds, actioned 12,000 emails and answered 11,000 social media enquiries.

Every year staff deal with almost 400,000 phone calls, 37,000 emails covering ferry bookings, enquires, claims and complaints.

Last year CalMac carried more than 5.6 million passengers and 1.4 million vehicles. Its 34 strong fleet serves 27 routes to island and remote mainland locations.

Tarbert-Portavadie ferry is back

The ferry service crossing Loch Fyne between Portavadie and Tarbert has returned following its suspension during the coronavirus pandemic.

With the easing of restrictions, operator CalMac was able to reinstate the run from the beginning of July and a temporary abbreviated timetable was in operation until July 14.

On Wednesday the service returned to a full hourly departure from Tarbert between 8am and 7pm (first and last ferries will not operate

on Sundays), operating on a turn-up-and-go basis. This service will run until October 18. No cash will be accepted on any CalMac ferry.

CalMac advises that when travelling on a 'turn up and go' route, please remember capacity is constrained, and your first choice of sailing may not be always be available.

The company also asks all passengers to follow the latest advice on how to travel safely.

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Council meetings are set to continue online

Councillors have approved plans which are set to see no face-to-face council meetings held in Argyll and Bute until at least October.

At a full council meeting held via Skype on Tuesday June 30, members agreed to continue the activities of the Business Continuity Committee (BCC) until a further review on Thursday September 24.

The BCC has been conducting the business of the council, which primarily would be dealt with by the policy and resources committee, since the end of March when it was established due to Covid.

However, other core council committees, including community services and environment, development and infrastructure, will resume



from September – but again on a virtual basis.

The council's four area committees will also meet during September, again using computer software instead of meeting in person. After September, the next scheduled meeting of any council committee is policy and resources on Thursday October 15.

During discussion of the proposals, Councillor Robin Currie said: 'The vast majority of us have been following the Scottish Government route map and will have noted that phase four is in a few weeks' time, at the end of July. I take it that we take that into account when we put these proposals forward? At that time, people hopefully can travel the world and do a lot of things we were used to doing.'

Executive director Douglas Hendry responded: 'As it stands at the moment, and this may be what is underneath Councillor Currie's question, the Scottish Government may speed up or even, hopefully not, slow down progress through the different phases. I would also make the point that even phase four is not an unrestricted return to pre-Covid operations, so travelling the world might be a bit ambitious.'

'I certainly would hope that things will be less restricted, but it could be that there are still difficulties, for example in arranging a pre-Covid meeting of the full council, if we still have to observe social distancing.'

'If we accept these recommendations, it puts in place a full slate of meetings that will allow us to do business and look at it again in September.'

In response to a question from council leader Aileen Morton,

Mr Hendry also confirmed that the next BCC meeting is planned for Thursday August 13, when policy and resources would have taken place. The council is in summer recess during July. The council's planning, protective services and licensing committee has already resumed virtual meetings, as has the Argyll and Bute licensing board.

Depute Provost Roddy McCuish, chairing the meeting in the absence of Provost Len Scoullar, also delivered a message to all councillors as they broke up for summer.

He said: 'Thanks to all council staff and volunteers who have worked so hard to help us through this terrible pandemic.'

'The months ahead will be challenging but we must show true leadership to help those who need us most at this time. By working together, we will come through this very well.'

Economic recovery 'depends on better broadband'

The economic recovery of Argyll and Bute needs 'high quality' digital connectivity because of the reliance on online access during the pandemic, according to one Kintyre councillor.

Despite businesses, councils and communities using the essential service during lockdown, it still suffered from gaps in 'quality and coverage,' according to Islay-based councillor Alastair Redman, policy lead for economic growth at Argyll and Bute Council.

He said a 'reliable network' had been essential for the local authority to provide vital services but gaps need to be addressed 'as quickly as possible'.

The council is working with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) in Westminster. This is towards funding to extend full fibre into some of the most rural and unconnected communities.

In addition, as part of a wider funding bid, Argyll and Bute is submitting an application to a DCMS competition – 5G Create, which sees up to £30 million of government fund-



Councillor Alastair Redman.

ing available 'to explore and develop' new use-cases and 5G technical capabilities.

Projects of between £250,000 to a maximum of £5 million can be funded, if successful.

The council does not have responsibility for delivering digital infrastructure across the area but said it 'actively engages' with those responsible.

Donald Cameron, MSP for the Highlands and Islands, has said the region risks being left behind other parts of Scotland due to legal problems threatening the roll-out of superfast broadband to the region.

He said communities were 'at risk' of being kept in a 'digital stone age'.

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Spaghetti Carbonara



½ Syn per serving 20 minutes Serves 4

With just a handful of ingredients, this lightened-up carbonara is a dinner-time hero. It has all the taste of the creamy Italian classic without the Syns!

Ingredients

400g dried spaghetti

Small handful of fresh chives, finely snipped

Method:

1. Cook the spaghetti according to the pack instructions. Drain well and return to the saucepan.
2. Meanwhile, place a large non-stick frying pan over a high heat. Add the bacon and dry-fry for 2-3 minutes, then turn off the heat.
3. Lightly beat the eggs, season lightly and stir in the fromage frais, 1 level tbsp Parmesan and most of the chives.
4. Add the bacon to the drained spaghetti and mix well over a low heat, then remove from the heat and stir in the egg mixture. Toss thoroughly so that the eggs thicken in the residual heat, making a sauce that coats the pasta.
5. Divide the spaghetti between 4 bowls, then divide over the remaining Parmesan and chives. Serve hot.

4 tbsp fat-free natural fromage frais

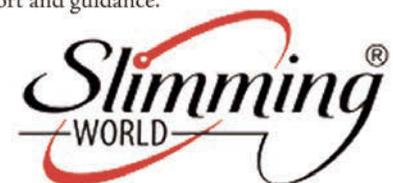
6 back bacon rashers, visible fat removed

2 level tbsp grated fresh Parmesan

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Rough ride ahead for roads needing repaired in Argyll

Argyll and Bute Council is facing a struggle if it is ever to lose its tag as having the most roads in need of repair in Scotland, the council's chief executive has admitted.

Pippa Milne was reacting to a recent report by Audit Scotland which stated that the area has the highest percentage of roads needing repair in the country.

The report, which said that the council was improving but needed to do more, was discussed at a full council meeting conducted via Skype on Thursday June 30.

And after a councillor said that the watchdog's mention of the area's roads network was 'a standout point' for him from the report, Ms Milne said that although improvements had taken place, a battle still lay ahead.

Councillor Donnie

McMillan said: 'One thing that came to me was that the roads in Argyll and Bute are the highest in need of repair in Scotland. Is there any reason why they are mentioned there, and how does the council plan to resolve this situation?'

Ms Milne said: 'This has been an issue we have had for some time - we have been on the bottom of the leader board, but we have been among the fastest improving. Because of the investment made in roads, we have taken some real steps forward. If I can give a layperson's view, the measurement they make of roads is in the undulation from side to side and up and down.'

'One issue we have is that many of our roads started as tracks and are not fully engineered, so will be steeply inclined. With the current measurements, we will struggle

to ever get off the bottom of the leader board. This is one where we need to take a view of what we want to see.'

'We could resurface a road on one of our islands and it could in our view be a very good finish, but it could still score less well than a potholed road in a city.'

'We have made some significant progress, but unfortunately the only real way to make inroads is through significant investment. That is challenging with the budgets and capital we have at our disposal.'

The Audit Scotland report, issued in May, said: "For road classes A, B and C, the council has the highest percentage of roads in need of repair of all councils in Scotland."

Audit Scotland's 2016 report Maintaining Scotland's roads notes that the condition of



A driver avoiding a pothole on the A83 in Kintyre.

Argyll and Bute's roads improved between 2011/12 and 2014/15 but that it was not spending enough in 2014/15 to maintain the existing condition. Spending on roads has declined between 2014/15 and 2017/18.

The council has the fifth lowest density of A class roads of all Scottish councils - 0.11 miles per square mile, compared to an average of 0.26 miles. Approximately 23 per cent of Argyll and Bute's roads are constructed on peat, which means the roads are prone to movement. Where roads are in need of repair, the council's strategy is to use surface dressing techniques rather than full reconstruction.

Trunk roads in the area are managed by Transport Scotland and maintained by BEAR Scotland as part of its north west trunk roads unit.

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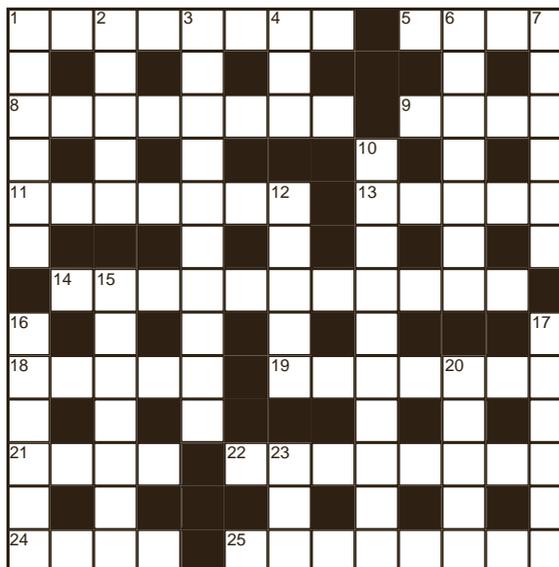
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EDS

Double Crossword

The puzzles are different but both use the same grid



Cryptic Across

- The man is in a low place clinging (8)
- Not much of a fall? (4)
- Ponder taking strong drink during tea break (8)
- Coming from Laos too (4)
- Solitary T-shirt (7)
- In a fax remarkably removing ten from canteen (5)
- Angry archers? (11)
- Initially have fever in the Netherlands (5)
- Number nearly complete exercise for plant organ (7)
- Very small quiet cry (4)
- Apples perhaps I am working to bring to a ripe state (8)
- Heard brook in north Wales resort (4)
- Concern shown in street repair (8)

Cryptic Down

- One vote on the other side (6)
- Being a person (5)
- Made notes for girls about shades (10)
- Tax the Conservatives concealed (3)
- Free to renew the tenancy (7)
- Long-winded golfer left before nine (6)
- Rough ocean winds producing wintry weather (4,3,3)
- Patti, Beth and others entered mountainous region (5)
- Mischievousness of removing rouge lines (7)
- Rain indicator (6)
- Heavenly body dishing up polenta, nothing less (6)
- Rear lift (5)
- Move quickly from Corunna (3)

Quick Across

- Make less severe (8)
- Small tuft (4)
- Pupils (8)
- Mimicked (4)
- Samson's mistress (7)
- Alter (anag.) (5)
- Aloof (11)
- Large US state (5)
- Cricketer (7)
- Kiss lightly (4)
- Spherical (8)
- German river (4)
- Became visible (8)

Quick Down

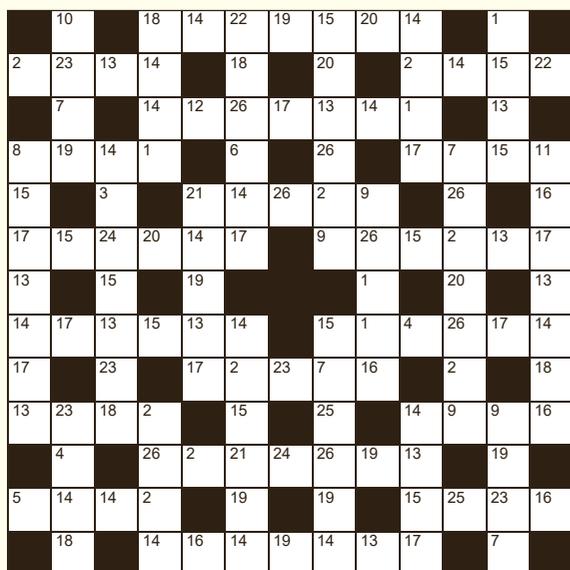
- Illness (6)
- Follow (5)
- Mildness (10)
- Rocky height (3)
- Forward momentum (7)
- Short oar (6)
- Rewarding (10)
- Nuclear weapon (1-4)
- Vehicle for hire (7)
- Paper fastening (6)
- Trapped (6)
- Grinding tooth (5)
- Circuit (3)

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CROSS CODE



ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			
14	E	15	16	S	17	18	19	20	B	21	22	23	24	25	26

Each number in the Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares.

As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

Quiz Challenge

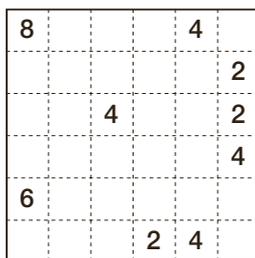
- Catherine Hogarth, who had 10 children, was the wife of which famous English writer?
- On a ship, what S are holes in the side of the deck to allow water to drain off?
- Which poet had the first names Wystan Hugh?
- Which detective, a creation of Margery Allingham, lives at 17A Bottle Street, Piccadilly, London?
- Four British politicians vying to become prime minister are the subjects of which Jeffrey Archer novel?



Selena Gomez - see Question 7

- Seven volcanic peaks on a shield supported by two dogs appear on the coat of arms of which island group?
- "You ain't gotta worry, it's an open invitation" is a lyric from which UK top 10 single by Selena Gomez?
- Spanish actress Penelope Cruz is married to which Spanish actor?
- What M is the fleshy outer covering of nutmeg, dried as a spice?
- Born in Canada, which football pundit for BT Sports played for Bayern Munich and Manchester United?

BOX CLEVER



Fill the 6x6 grid with as many boxes as there are numbers printed. Each box must be either square or rectangular and must contain just one of the numbers. The numbers show how many squares there should be in each box.

COMMON LINK

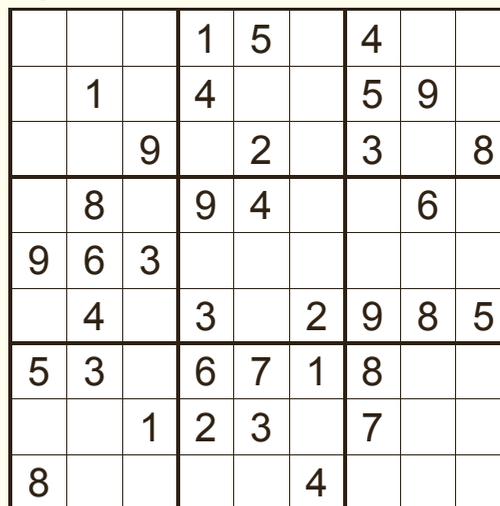
The answers to the following five questions contain a word or words which have a common theme. Can you find the link?

- Which city, once known to Europeans as 'The Gateway to Asia', is now the capital of Ukraine?
- Which battle, fought in Piedmont in 1800, drove the Austrians from Italy and sealed Napoleon's position as First Consul of France?
- What is the Italian word for a hunter?
- Which state of the USA is known as the Bluegrass State?
- What name is given to lumps of natural gold found by prospectors?

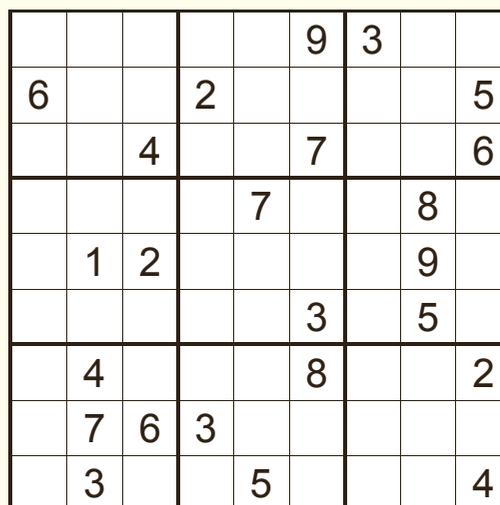
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Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

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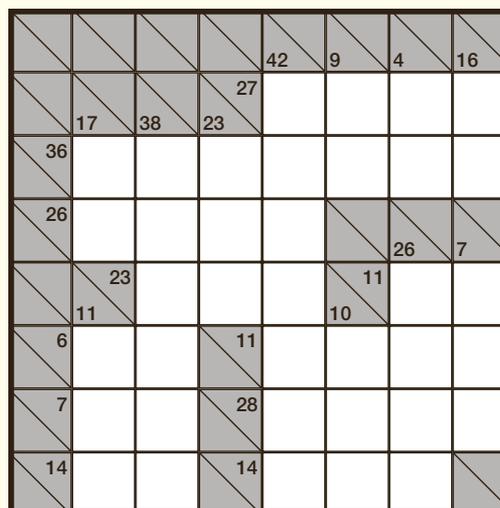


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Fill in the blank squares in the grid with numbers so that each horizontal or vertical line adds up to the total given in the box either to the left or above it. Horizontal totals are given in the top right corners of the shaded boxes; vertical totals in the bottom left corners. You can use the numbers 1 to 9, but may not use the same number more than once in any run. The number may be used again, however, in the same row or column but as part of another run.



SOLUTIONS

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD:
 Across - 1 Adhesive; 5 Drop; 8 Runmate; 9 Also; 11 Singlet; 13 Natty; 14 Crossbowman; 18 Hague; 19 Rate; 14 Standoffish; 18 Texas; 24 Tendril; 22 Weep; 22 Fritton; 24 Rhye; 25 Interest; **Down** - 1 Malady; 2 Trail; 3 Gentleness; 4 Tor; 6 Human; 3 Sunglasses; 4 VAT; 6 Impetus; 7 Paddle; 10 Profitable; 12 Release; 7 Prolix; 10 Snow and ice; 12 H-bomb; 15 Taxicab; 16 Shower; 17 Tite; 15 Rogery; 16 Staple; 17 Planet; 20 Molat; 23 Lap.

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United Auctions, Stirling sold 633 store cattle, native bred cattle and young bulls, 87 breeding cattle and 103 out of spec cattle, cast cows and bulls on Wednesday July 8.

All cows met an increased trade on the week with 19 buyers in attendance.

Beef cows averaged 150.08p per kg, and Dairy cows averaged 114.00p per kg.

Bullocks (323) – averaged 217.46p to 309.60p per kg for a 218kg BRBX from High Bellochantuy, and to £1340 for a 615kg AAX from High Unthank.

Dairy Bullocks (71) – averaged 172.72p to 206.20p per kg for a 422kg MOX from Caddell, and to £1025 for a 582kg HFX from Dykehead.

Heifers (230) – averaged 214.34p to 269.80p per kg for a 202kg BRBX from High Bellochantuy, and to £1130 for a 569kg BSX from Crookedstonemuir.

Young Bulls (9) – averaged 191.21p to 218.20p per kg for a AAX from Bows, and to £1165 for a AAX from Bows.

Beef Cows and Bulls (91) – averaged 150.08p to 208.10p per kg for a LimX from Carslae, and to £1530 for a BAX from Chapel.

Dairy Cows (10) – averaged 114.16p to 133.90p per kg for a HFX from Wester Borland, and to £1095 for a HFX from Wester Borland.

Out of Spec Cattle (2) – averaged 176.79p to 189.10p per kg for a LimX

from Glenartney, and to £1150 for a LimX from Glenartney.

Bullocks: Up to 250kgs- High Bellochantuy £675, 309.60p; 251-300kgs- Meikle Ittington £765, High Bellochantuy 268.10p; 301-350kgs- Gateside £835, High Bellochantuy 246.80p; 351-400kgs- Craigievern £980, 246.20p; 401-450kgs- Newpark £985, 233.30p; 451-500kgs- Newpark £1155, Tanhill 237.00p; 501-551kgs- Garvald Mains £1180, 226.90p; 552-601kgs- Tanhill £1200, Ballieston 211.50p; 602-651kgs- High Unthank £1340, 217.90p.

Heifers: Up to 250kgs - High Bellochantuy £600, 269.80p; 251-300kgs- Meikle Ittington £710, 257.20p; 301-350kgs- Fallside £765, 227.00p; 351-400kgs- Fisherton £890, Glenturk 225.90p; 401-450kgs- Newpark £960, Fisherton 226.30p; 451-500kgs- Fisherton £1120, 234.30p; 501-551kgs- Crookedstonemuir £1090, Candermain 205.20p; 552-601kgs- Crookedstonemuir £1130, 201.00p.

Young Bulls: 301-350kgs- Caddell £700, 214.70p; 401-450kgs- Hyndford Road £940, 216.10p; 501-551kgs- Bows £1165, 218.20p; 602-651kgs- Mossall £1150, 182.00p.

OTM Cows: £ per head- Chapel (BA) £1530, Newhouse of Glamis (CH) £1510, Woodhead of Mailler (Cont) £1450, Airthrey Kerse (Sim) £1490, Carslae (Lim) £1290, Mossall (AA) £1170, Hyndford Road (BS) £1130, Wester Borland (HF) £1095, Gibsley (SH) £1070.

PPK - Carslae (Lim) 208.10p, Mollandhu (AA) 201.90p, Laigh Alticane (Sim) 192.70p, Chapel (BA) 168.30p, Woodhead of Mailler (Cont) 161.10p, Glenartney (CH) 159.70p, Glenartney (BS) 156.10p, Hatton of Newtyle (HE) 150.70p, Gibsley (SH) 145.00p.

OTM Bulls: £ per head - Easter Frew (Lim) £1550, Peattieshill (AA) £1070.

PPK - Peattieshill (AA) 198.10p, Craigharnet (Lim) 160.00p.

Out of Spec Cattle: £ per head- Glenartney (Lim) £1150, Glenartney (MO) £975

PPK - Glenartney (Lim) 189.10p, Glenartney (MO) 164.10p.

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Caledonian Marts Ltd, Stirling, sold 126 Cattle comprising of 65 Bullocks, Heifers and Young Bulls, 61 OTM Cattle on Thursday July 9.

With a smaller show forward and a good ringside of buyers present, all classes met a similar trade.

Bullocks averaged 640kg at 223p per kg and Heifers averaged 618kg at 227p per kg.

Many more are needed on a weekly basis including native breeds, which sold to 228p per kg or £1337.

Prime Heifers sold to 245ppkg on Three occasions from W Dandie & Sons, Learielaw, Broxburn, D Dickinson, Brockwoodlees, Canobie and J H & N T Turnbull, Meadowend, Clackmanan purchased by D Campbell, Butchers, Callander, T Johnston, Butchers, Falkirk and H A Black, Butchers, Stirling and to £1605 for a Limousin from D Dickinson, Brockwoodlees, Canobie purchased by J Gilvear & Sons.

Prime Bullocks sold to 238ppkg on Two occasions from J Meikle, Turniemoon, West Calder and D Dickinson, Brockwoodlees both purchased by T Johnston, Butchers, Falkirk and to £1584 for a Limousin from M Orr, Penston, Macmerry purchased by Charles Kirkpatrick.

Bulls (under 30 months) sold to 215 ppkg for a Blonde Aquitaine from L Laird & Sons, Lochhead, East Wemyss and to £1628 for a Limousin from W Dick & Sons, Mains of Throsk, Throsk.

Other Leading Prices: Bullocks per kg - 235p Mains of Cultmalundie, 232p Brockwoodlees, 230p Nethermyres, Penston & Faskine, 228p Mains of Cultmalundie, Faskine & Meadowend (twice).

Heifers per kg - 242p Brock-

woodlees, 240p Meadowend & Turniemoon, 238p Learielaw (twice) & Brockwoodlees, 235p Brockwoodlees & Turniemoon

Price Per Head: Bullocks per head - £1518 Turniemoon & Mains of Cultmalundie, £1517 West Shirva, £1513 Mains of Cultmalundie, £1489 and £1485 Brockwoodlees, £1472 and £1463 Meadowend

Heifers per head - £1587 and £1577 Brockwoodlees, £1553 Meadowend, £1551 and £1532 Brockwoodlees, £1525 & £1518 Meadowend

Also forward were 61 OTM Cattle. OTM's averaged 140ppkg selling to 176ppkg for a Shorthorn from A J McDonald, Knocknaha, Campbeltown and to £1200 for a Charolais from D R Blair, Newbigging of Ceres, Cupar

Dairy Cows averaged 109ppkg selling to 146ppkg from R Nelson, Blairmains, Culross and to £1020 from the same home.

Males sold to 120p per kg for a Limousin from J W Geyer, Blairhall, Culross and to £1500 for a Charolais from D R Blair, Newbigging of Ceres, Cupar.

Other Leading Prices: Beef OTMs per kg - 175p Eden (Campbeltown), 170p Mains of Throsk, 162p Castlehill, 156p Learielaw, 153p Walton, 151p Salterhill & Castlehill

Beef OTMs per head - £1150 Learielaw, £1130 Castlehill & Broompark, £1090 Knocknaha, £1070 Walton, £1060 Mains of Throsk, £1050 & £1040 Castlehill.

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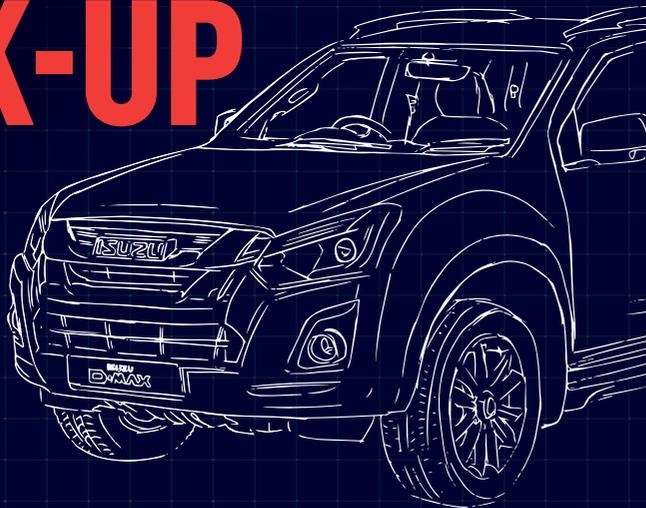


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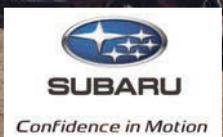
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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

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As the name suggests they come in all shapes and sizes and flavours and we all like to find our favourite somewhere at the bottom of the bag.

I found worship a wee bit like this too. Churches are closed but there is great variety of services waiting out there online.

There is a Liquorice Allsorts abundance of services available to suit everyone.

Some services are like the nice rounded coconut ones, full of comfort and made to make us feel less worried.

There are the ones which have many colours for those who thrive on variety. Then there are the plain black ones for those who like traditional worship.

There are the black ones with white in the middle for those who are traditional but who don't mind a wee bit of something new occasionally.

There are pink ones and brown ones, white ones and yellow ones, something to cater for every taste.

Liquorice Allsorts worship might just be the way forward for the church.

While we ponder about whether to open our buildings under such strict conditions, which many of us feel would detract from worship, maybe we need to find new ways to touch the spiritual needs of everyone.

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Archaeologist Roddy Reagan has uncovered a significant castle entrance, with a visible slot for a portcullis, in dressed red sandstone between the castle's twin towers at the seaward end of the site.

Tarbert Castle Trust secretary and treasurer Robert McPhail described it as 'a major discovery, not only for Tarbert Castle but a significant expansion of the recorded knowledge of Scottish medieval fortresses'.

Mr McPhail added: 'We have consent for a small dig in this location and have only been

able to proceed with this investigation due to the donation of support announced last week from a gentleman in the Lake District.'

In a letter with a cheque for £500, the donor said: 'I am well impressed with what Tarbert Castle Trust has done [between the] orchard, woodland, sculpture and castle dig. I have decided to send a donation and visit in the not too distant future.'

To expand the dig with the trust's volunteers, around £2500 will be needed.

Mr McPhail added: 'Any donation to help us achieve this would be appreciated at this difficult time.'

Contact Robert McPhail by email at sonamarg@btinternet.com for more information.

ISLAY

CMAL has answers to Islay ferry project questions

Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL) has shared information on the new Islay vessel project in a bid to maintain community engagement during the Covid-19 restrictions.

CMAL, which owns the ferries, ports, harbours and infrastructure for the ferry services serving the west coast of Scotland, the Firth of Clyde and the Northern Isles, had planned for two community engagement meetings to take place in Bowmore and Port Ellen at the end of March but these had to be postponed due to the coronavirus lockdown.

So far, it has not been possible to rearrange these meetings, but CMAL is hoping to reschedule them for later in the summer, subject to coronavirus restrictions and safety guidelines.

In the meantime, a project update in the form of a question and answer document has been shared with local community stakeholders, such as Islay Community Council and ferry committee, and published on the CMAL website at www.cmassets.co.uk/project/new-vessel-for-islay/

The new Islay ferry is the next major vessel

to be ordered for the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Service. It will complement the service provided by MV Finlaggan.

Planning for the new vessel began last summer through a project working group of CMAL, Transport Scotland and CalMac.

The project is currently at the feasibility analysis stage, which is being led by CMAL with support from naval architecture consultants and other specialists.

Further questions not covered in the question and answer document can be emailed to islayvessel@cmassets.co.uk

Jim Anderson, director of vessels at CMAL, said: 'We are very keen to reinstate the community meetings and we will arrange new dates as soon as it is safe to do so within the health and safety and travel guidelines. We are working closely with community groups on the island to make this possible.'

'Hopefully, in the meantime, the information we've shared will help to answer some of the questions islanders and ferry users may have and we have set-up a project email address where additional questions can be submitted. We'll respond directly to enquires, and also update the questions and answer document online.'



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DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Suddenly on June 22, 2020, Findlay Campbell, "Cammy", in his 60th year of 22 Glenfyne Crescent, Ardrishaig. Postmaster and proprietor of The Mailbox, Argyll Street, Lochgilhead. Dearly loved Dad of Naomi and Niki. Loving partner of Marie. Dear son of the late Bert and Bunty Campbell, Ardrishaig. Respected father-in-law of Callum and Louisa and adored Grumpa to Declan and Callan. Findlay was a much respected businessman who provided a vital service to all in the local community and the surrounding area. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. A private cremation service will be held at Paisley (Woodside) Crematorium today, Friday, July 17, 2020. The funeral cortege will leave from the Mailbox at 10.45a.m., for those who wish to pay their respects.

GOODWIN - Peacefully in Ardenlee Care Home on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, John (Jack) in his 81st year. Much loved dad of Audrey, John and the late Paul, father-in-law of Gilbert and Lesley, dear brother, grandfather and great-grandfather. Sadly missed.

KERR - Peacefully at home, Kerrholme, 14 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, on July 13, 2020, John Kerr, in his 86th year, loving husband and best friend of Ishbel McPherson, precious dad of Iona, John and the late

Feuna, father-in-law of Paul and adored grampa of Peter John, Feuna and the late Louise-Iona. Funeral private by invitation only.

MCNEILL - Peacefully at home, with her family by her side, on July 10, 2020, Jean McNeill, née Dunlop, aged 80 years, of Criffel, 3a Wilson Road, Lochgilhead. Beloved wife of Hamish and much loved mother of James and Jennifer. Dearly loved granny of Amy, Kirsty, Ross and Lucy, and proud great-granny of Ella and Blair. Dear sister of Flora, Tina, Nannie and the late Duncan and Catherine. Much respected mother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt and cousin to all the extended family. A good neighbour and friend to many. A private funeral service was held at Achnabreac Cemetery on Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

PEEL - Tommy Peel, sadly died following a road accident near his home in California on June 14, 2020. Survived by his wife Alice (Hughes) and son Gordon. Although resident in California for many years neither Alice nor Tommy forgot their Furnace roots.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

DOTT - The family of the late Isobel Dott would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their messages of support and sympathy, and for the many cards and flowers received following their sad loss. To

all who came out and paid their respects on Mum's final journey to Kilkerran Cemetery the family are truly grateful for the kindness shown. Special thanks to the doctors, nurses and paramedics in Campbeltown and the Queen Elizabeth University hospitals. Our thanks to Rev. William Crossan for his comforting service and to Kenny and Rhys Blair for their caring and professional support.

MATHISEN - The family of the late Elsie Mathisen would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards, flowers and messages of support they received following their recent sad loss. Many thanks to all those who turned out to pay their respects to Elsie on her last journey to Kilkerran Cemetery. Grateful thanks to the nurses and doctors at Campbeltown Hospital for their excellent care. Special thanks to David McEwan for his heartfelt service and to T A Blair, Funeral Directors, especially Kenny, for their professionalism and compassion.

IN MEMORIAMs

HAWTHORN - Precious memories of our dear mum Cathie, who lost her fight on July 18, 2019. We miss your cheeky grin We miss our wheelchair walks We miss our zimmer arguments We miss our alarm calls We just miss you so much - it's hard We are 'jealous of the angels' Love you forever - Margaret, Zena and Billy xxxx

HAWTHORN - Gran. You taught us everything

apart from how to live without you. We miss you every day.

Love Tracy, Robert, Dean, Catriona, Kayleigh and Robert.

HAWTHORN - Miss you Gran Gran.

Love Quinn and Ruaraidh.

MACMILLAN - In loving memory of my wife Fiona, mum, granny and GG, who passed away July 15, 2017.

Loved and missed every day - John and family.

MCLEAN - In loving memory of Charlie, passed away July 19, 2019. Those we love don't go away They walk beside us every day

Unseen, unheard but always near Still missed, still loved, so very dear.

- From all your loving family at home and away.

WHELTON - Inserted in loving memory of my beloved mother, Agnes Morrison McEachran Stewart (Nana), who died July 14, 1996.

Along the road of memories That leads me back to you Are thoughts of us together And the happy times we knew

And every day that passes I seem to find a way To wander back to meet you

On the road to yesterday. Sadly missed.

- Johnnie. **WILSON** - In loving memory of our precious dad, grampa and great-grampa Davie, died July 23, 2007.

A little tribute small and tender just to say we still remember.

- Gordon, Heather, Stewart, Kerry, Louise, Peter and Harvey.

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GRADUATION

Graduation Lindsay Grace Johnson

Lindsay Grace Johnson graduated with a MMus (Performance) in Vocal studies from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. Lindsay is a former pupil of Kilmartin Primary School. Her first degree was a BMus (hons) from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. In September she will join the Alexander Gibson Opera School at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland with a scholarship to study for an MA in Opera studies. Lindsay is the daughter of Fiona Johnson, Ford, and god-daughter of Bill and Pat Cairns, Lochgilhead. She would like to thank the Allt Dearg Educational Trust, the Charles and Barbara Tyre Trust, the Knudsen Fund and the Rotary Club for supporting her studies.



PERSONAL NOTICES

Thank you

Lorna McMurchy would like to thank everyone who sent cards, gifts and get well messages after her recent operation. She is now glad to be back home and on the road to recovery.

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Ladies' Spring Meeting champion Ailie MacBrayne with her prize of a Royal Scot Crystal vase.

MacBrayne triumphs in Spring Meeting

A delayed ladies' Spring Meeting was played at Dunaverty Golf Club in fine weather last Saturday.

Eighteen ladies played with some terrific scoring – nine ladies' nett scores were in the 60s.

Ailie MacBrayne was once more in fantastic mode carding an outward 35 gross containing five pars and one birdie. Her inward score was equally good with another five pars resulting in 37 gross. With a handicap of 10, this 72 gross resulted in a nett 62 and the win.

It was a very close affair, with second place going to a nett 67, however five ladies carded the score. Eventually Elizabeth Marrison took second place with Nichola Kidd in third.

Ailie had the best gross score, with Elizabeth and Nichola again equal on 79 gross for second place. This once again went in Elizabeth's favour.

A club spokesperson said: 'Congratulations to all who took part and special thanks to acting captain Eleanor Hawkins for the prize of a beautifully engraved Royal Scot Crystal vase.'

MacMillan celebrates 21st championship at Dunaverty

The weather was kinder for the third round of Dunaverty Golf Club's Championships with warm, breezy dry conditions greeting players last Saturday.

It was very close between the leading contenders from all sections of the competition. George MacMillan led Greg Watson by three shots in the scratch section, while David MacBrayne and Bobby Dalziel were tied on 138 in the handicap. A similar situation in the seniors' event had Donald McNeill and Duncan Watson III each on 138.

Greg produced a round of 64 to George's 68 to move into the lead by one shot. In the handicap Bobby Dalziel edged into the lead by three shots from Don Hardman. This was the last round in the Senior Championship and Donald McNeill, with six bogeys on his card, managed to recover with a 68 to regain the senior title.

Scratch result (3rd round): 1 Greg Watson 64, 2 Keith Crawford 67, 3= George MacMillan and Donald McNeill 68, 5 Duncan Watson III 82. Handicap: 1 Sandy Watson 60 (bih), 2 Don Hardman 60, 3 Bobby Dalziel 61, 4 John Docherty 65, 5 David MacBrayne 71. Senior championship: 1 Donald McNeill 66+72+68=206, 2 Keith Crawford 68+77+67=212, 3 Duncan Watson III 66+72+82=220.

The final round to decide the scratch champion, which



From left: Senior champion Donald McNeill, acting club captain Raymond Harvey, handicap champion David MacBrayne, and club champion George MacMillan.

was played last Sunday, was anticipated to be a battle between George MacMillan and Greg Watson and this proved to be the case.

Both players birdied the first, Greg bogied the second and sixth and parred the other six, while George had a bogey at the fourth followed five pars to put him one clear on the front nine.

The back nine produced some excellent golf from the two leaders. Greg birdied 10 and 11, had a bogey at 12 followed by a birdie at 13 then a par at 14. Hole 15 cost him another bogey but a birdie at 16 put him back on track, only to incur another at 17 and a finishing par at 18 to give him a total of 66.

George's back nine began

with a bogey at 10, birdie at 11, one over at 12, birdie at 13, a par at 14, which put him one behind Greg. He then collected a bogey at 15 but he produced a fantastic finish by birdieing the last three holes to prevent a playoff, winning the championship for the 21st time.

Bobby Dalziel went into the final round of the handicap section three shots clear of Don Hardman with David MacBrayne three shots adrift of Don.

Unfortunately for Bobby, a card littered with double bogeys and three triples put him out of contention.

David MacBrayne, playing in the third group, had a career best scratch score of 66, having had one bogey and one birdie

on the front nine to see him out in 32 strokes. He followed this up on the inward nine with three bogeys, three pars and three birdies for a 34. This gave him a fantastic nett score of 54.

John Docherty, lying fourth at this stage, made a valiant attempt to catch David and although unsuccessful he came through the field with a nett 60 to finish in second place.

Results: Club scratch championship: 1 George MacMillan 67+65+68+64=264; 2 Greg Watson, 67+68+64+6=265; 3 Donald McNeill 66+72+68+68=274, 4 Keith Crawford 68+77+67+67=279, 5 Duncan Watson III 66+72+82+69=289.

Handicap championship: 1 David MacBrayne 64+64+71+54=253; 2 John Docherty 65+66+65+60=256; 3 Don Hardman 59+73+60+69=261; 4 Bobby Dalziel 65+63+61+73=262; 5 Sandy Watson 67+74+60+62=263.

Ronald sets the pace in fight for memorial cup

The first round of Tarbert Golf Club's Archie MacNab Memorial Cup took place at Glenralloch in dry but breezy conditions last Saturday.

Twenty players teed off in the popular event which is played for on a Stableford points basis.

David Ronald, making full use of his 12 strokes, set the early pace with 38 points including a four-point birdie at the 10th and another birdie on 17th.

Former captain Chris Smyth joined him on 38, including three birdies in the last five holes.

They were also joined on 38 points by Jimmy Litster making a welcome return to Glenralloch. Jimmy's level par round of 66 included a closing birdie at the 18th.

There is a tightly bunched group just one stroke behind the leaders including Callum MacLean and Archie Black. The second and final round tomorrow (Saturday) promises to be a closely fought affair.

Saints lose Ryder Cup play-off

Oban Saints took on Oban Camanachd in a football v shinty Ryder Cup challenge match at Glenclruitten Golf Club last Saturday.

Saints were 5-1 down at one stage but fought back to level the match at 6-6, but unfortunately lost at the first play-off hole.



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