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Quick decision on warning signs after rip tide rescues

Kintyre surfer's call for urgent action after saving two children

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Signs warning of dangerous rip currents in the sea at Westport beach are to be erected after a spate of recent rescues, some involving the Coastguard and RNLI.

Kintyre surfer Jimi McCallum made an urgent call for the signs after rescuing two children on body boards from the rip last Monday, just a day after a man, who was also using a body board, was swept out to sea.

Jimi told the Courier it is not unusual for members of the surfing community to rescue people from the sea at Westport, the biggest beach in

mainland Argyll, stretching all the way to Machrihanish.

He said: 'Each surfer rescues at least one person from the rip at Westport each summer. I rescue about five or six people a year. I think this is because the waves don't break in the rip current so people think it's safe. The rips are hard to spot and our rip here is unique.'

'A rip can appear anywhere, pretty much at any time, but the ones at Westport are fairly constant, and they shift as well, depending on what way the tide is going. If it's going out it can take you north, towards the rocks, and if it's coming in, it'll take you south towards Machrihanish.'

Jimi said he has been lob-



Westport was packed with visitors, on the beach and in the water, on Sunday.

bying for warning signs to be erected for years but after his latest rescue he contacted South Kintyre councillor John Armour for help.

Councillor Armour said:

'After hearing of various incidents in the last couple of weeks, I spoke with Jimi about what could be done and agreed the basic requirement was warning signs in the car park

at Westport and at the entrance to the beach at Machrihanish.

'The problem of rip currents is something that, growing up in Kintyre, we were very aware of but as more tourists arrive

they are, in many cases, not aware of the problem. They see a beautiful beach at Westport or Machrihanish and look to enjoy swimming in the sea unaware of the possible consequences of getting caught in the rip current.'

Jimi said: 'Credit to Councillor Armour whose swift response prompted a meeting at Westport within days of me contacting him.'

Last Thursday, Jimi met with Robert Houston, station officer for Campbeltown Coastguard Rescue Team, Stuart Newlands, station officer for Southend Coastguard Rescue Team, Campbeltown RNLI coxswain David Cox, West Kintyre Community Council and West Kintyre Windfarm Trust convener Margaret Pratt and landowner Andrew Hamilton.

Jimi said: 'They agreed to my proposal of a much-needed sign with information on the rip current danger and the location of the beach as the

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POLICE FILES

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Police are investigating after an unknown vehicle collided with a white Swift Kontiki motorhome and failed to stop at 2pm on Sunday July 19, in Barmore Road, Tarbert.

A 38-year-old man was charged and issued with a recorded police warning for possessing cannabis after he was stopped by police and searched at 11.10pm on Monday July 20, in Kinloch Road, Campbeltown.

A 49-year-old woman was charged after behaving in an abusive manner at New Quay Street, Campbeltown, at about 11.30am on Tuesday July 21.

Police stopped a vehicle on the A83 at Clachan at 5.30pm on Tuesday July 21 and the driver, a 38-year-old man, was arrested for driving whilst disqualified, with no insurance and no MOT certificate. He was charged, held for court and a report was sent to the procurator fiscal.

At 1pm on Thursday July

23, a vehicle was reported as stolen from Main Street, Campbeltown. Police later stopped the vehicle in Ardrishaig and the driver, a 23-year-old man, was arrested and charged. A report will be sent to the procurator fiscal.

A 36-year-old man was arrested and charged at 6.10pm on Friday July 24, in Hillfoot Terrace, Tarbert, for sending threatening and abusive text messages to a woman. The man was held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

At 10pm on Saturday July 25, in Lochend Street, Campbeltown, three men, aged 32, 37 and 49, were charged with fighting with each other. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

A car parked in Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, had three of its tyres punctured sometime between 1am and 1.50am on Sunday July 26.

Anyone with information on the above or any incident should phone 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

A83 road works under way

The first phase of a £30,000 project to install road safety barriers along the A83 at Butterbridge, north of the Rest and Be Thankful, got under way this week.

The project will take place between 7am and 7pm each day, with work expected to take up to three weeks, although none will take place over weekends.

Contractors BEAR Scotland, acting on behalf of Transport Scotland, said it would install approximately 300 metres of new safety barriers connected to the existing barriers in line with the bridge.

The project has been designed to provide a safer journey for road users and is part of continuing investment in road safety on the A83 by Transport Scotland, said BEAR Scotland.

To ensure the safety of road workers and motorists, temporary traffic lights and a 30-mile per hour speed limit will be in place during working hours, it said. Eddie Ross, BEAR's north west representative, said: 'Road safety is a top priority for BEAR Scotland and Transport Scotland and this project on the A83 at Butterbridge is part of our commitment to improv-

ing road safety on the trunk road network.

'The temporary traffic lights are essential for the protection of our workforce as well as motorists. Due to the nature of the works, at certain points it will be necessary to keep traffic management in place outwith working hours for safety, however, our teams will do all they can to complete the project as quickly and safely as possible.'

BEAR is currently carrying out £415,000 of essential surfacing improvements at four locations on the A83 in Kintyre. The work, which be-

gan on July 19 and is expected to take four weeks, involves overnight road closures from 8pm to 5am at each of the locations.

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'Since we started our campaign to have the road between Kennacraig and Campbeltown trunked we have seen a massive improvement, culminating in the latest much-needed improvements at Tayinloan, Glenbarr and Kilmaho.'

Up-to-date traffic information is available on Traffic Scotland's website.

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last people who phoned the Coastguard said they were at Machrihanish when, in fact, they were at Westport.'

Margaret said West Kintyre Windfarm Trust is 'more than happy' to fully fund the signs at the car park at Westport and on the track leading to the beach, adding: 'It is important we do our utmost to help

people enjoy our wonderful beaches in safety.'

Jimi pointed out he and his fellow surfers would never do anything to put themselves at risk and always phone the Coastguard if they think they could get into difficulty rescuing anyone.

'We don't take any chances,' he said. 'You don't want to end up giving the Coastguard or

lifeboat another person to have to rescue.'

A Coastguard spokesperson said: 'It doesn't matter how local or experienced you are, the sea can catch anyone out and be unmerciful when it does.'

'If you are caught in a strong current or rip tide, stay as calm as possible, raise your hand and shout for help. If you can't get help, try and swim parallel

to the beach until you are out of trouble then swim to the shore. If you can stand up, wade instead of swimming.

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Reassurance after hotel guest tests positive for Covid-19

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Less than 10 days after Campbeltown's Ardshiel Hotel reopened for overnight visitors, management issued a statement to say one of its guests tested positive for Covid-19 after checking out of the hotel.

However, far from causing panic, the hotel's public statement helped to reassure other residents and restaurant guests that the risk to them was minimal, thanks to new procedures in place at the hotel which are being strictly followed.

The new measures put in place so the hotel could safely reopen, meant the guest never came into physical contact with any member of staff and never entered the main hotel building, remaining instead in the annex building in



Amanda Grant, the Ardshiel Hotel's office manager, has been overwhelmed by the support received after publishing the statement.

which their room was located. In last Friday's statement on Facebook, Amanda Grant, the hotel's office manager, said: 'During lockdown we have

been providing accommodation for essential workers and will continue to provide this service whilst it is necessary for this to be available in our community.

'We can confirm that an essential worker, who was staying with us, has tested positive for Covid-19. It is crucial we make it clear that firstly the essential worker never stepped foot inside the Ardshiel Hotel during their stay and furthermore did not have any direct contact with any members of our team. This is because the guest stayed in our annex building and with the new check-in procedures we have put in place, they did not need to enter the main building.

'After returning home, the guest contacted us to advise they had since tested positive. This was not confirmed during their stay.

'We have gone to great measures to ensure the safety of guests and team members.'

'We were directly in contact with NHS Inform and are pleased to confirm that, after a lengthy discussion, they advised that with all the procedures and precautions we have implemented prior to opening, and given the fact the essential worker hasn't been within the Ardshiel Hotel, there is no reason for us to make direct contact with any members of the public.

'We understand these are very frightening times for everyone but first and foremost our main concerns are of wishing our guest a speedy recovery

and that of ensuring there has been no risk to any of our team or other guests.

'We hope anyone who has visited us since the lifting of lockdown will be reassured we have gone to great measures to ensure the safety of guests and team members which continues to be our top priority.

'Covid-19 hasn't gone away and surely the best thing we can all do is follow the government advice, adhere to social distancing and support each and every one of us during these difficult times.'

Amanda added that anyone with any queries about the information in the statement or anything else is welcome to contact the hotel directly.

The hotel's open and honest approach received a hugely positive reaction from the community, with many people praising the hotel's trans-

parency in dealing with an unprecedented situation.

Amanda told the Courier: 'When I took the decision to write the statement, there was always doubt over whether it was the right thing to do, however, I strongly felt being open and honest was the best solution and I am happy to say on this occasion I definitely made the right decision.

'We are totally overwhelmed by the support we have received.

'We never expected it to be at the level it is, not just notable from the likes and comments on our Facebook page, but also the private messages we have received from regular and new customers, and the number of local businesses that have taken time to show their support. We would like to thank our customers for their continued support.'



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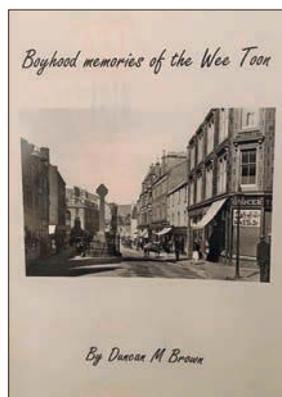
Duncan shares boyhood memories of the Wee Toon

Well-known Campbeltown man Duncan Brown – former toy shop proprietor – has been writing about his childhood memories growing up in Campbeltown in the late 1920s and the 1930s.

In his booklet, entitled *Boyhood Memories of the Wee Toon*, Duncan, now aged almost 95, reminisces about shops and industries, and shares anecdotes from his childhood.

The booklets are for sale in the Kintyre Larder, priced £1.99. All money raised from booklet sales is being donated to Macmillan Nurses, Campbeltown, from whom Duncan has received wonderful care.

Duncan, who is currently in poor health, thanks Linda McLean at the Kintyre Larder for selling his books.



Top: Duncan Brown.

Right: The front cover of Duncan Brown's book.

'Shop to ship' sets sail to boost trade

New project will link marine tourists with businesses

A 'shop to ship' initiative has been launched to help shore-based businesses get goods to tourists onboard visiting vessels.

The idea aims to help small businesses in remote areas and islands to carry on trading with visitors arriving by sea, while also respecting the concerns of communities about those stepping ashore in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

A dedicated website will promote the advanced order and purchase of local seafood, fresh food, arts and crafts,

with arrangements made between the business and visitor for the safe drop off and collection from quays, ports and harbours.

Alan Rankin, chief executive of Sail Scotland which is behind the plan, said: 'A key element of the Scottish sailing experience is the world-class food and drink available through shore-side businesses. This pilot initiative is aimed to enhance the sailing experience and offer vital sales to coastal and island businesses.'

Tourism Secretary Fergus

Ewing said: 'It also enables individual businesses and communities to be recognised as welcoming destinations, with processes tailored to local circumstances and built in from the beginning.'

The further easing of lockdown allows yachts and boats to visit remote areas and islands. Safe Sailing guidelines have been published by Sail Scotland which asks visiting yachts to Respect the Destination by planning ahead, making a considered arrival and thinking local.

Sail Scotland said no two destinations are the same so the platform aims to connect the producer and the consumer as easily as possible.

Fiona Richmond, head of regional food at Scotland Food and Drink, said: 'It's great to see innovative initiatives like the Shop to Ship marketplace, which provides a fantastic digital platform for local businesses to reach new customers.'

Businesses can register at www.sailscotland.co.uk/ registration. It includes free associate membership.

Next round of MACC funding open

Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) has announced the opening of the second round of its Charitable Giving Fund 2020 for applications.

The first round opened in April to help support community organisations during the coronavirus pandemic. The limit on these applications was £1,000 each and a total of

£6,000 was awarded to community groups.

To date, MACC has awarded more than £55,000 in charitable donations and this round is expected to take that figure to more than £60,000.

Any not-for-profit or charitable organisations based or operating in the PA28 6 postcode area are welcome to apply. The fund has been designed to

create a fair and transparent process to MACC's donation policy and will be judged against predetermined criteria set by the MACC board.

Applicants must demonstrate alignment with MACC's charitable purposes, specifically the following: managing community land and assets for community benefit; sustainable development; community

development and regeneration; development of projects of particular benefit to the young and/or disadvantaged groups and projects that provide majority of benefit to the people of the PA28 6 area.

The second round of applications closes on Friday August 21 and decisions will be made at the company's annual general meeting in September.



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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.

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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.

Contact 07788900049 or fiona@mayds.org.uk lynn@mayds.org.uk

New rural housing 'stifled by red tape'



Kenny MacLeod of MacLeod Construction Ltd.

New house building on islands and in rural areas is being stymied by red tape and high costs, according to a long-standing local developer.

Kenny MacLeod, director of MacLeod Construction Ltd, Kilmory, said a lack of affordable infrastructure on the islands and in rural areas – from roads to water and electricity and fibre-optics – made some housing projects difficult and unaffordable.

It prevents growth on the islands and in rural communities – contributing to younger people moving away, he says.

Mr MacLeod, of the Argyll-based construction firm and

timber kit manufacturer, has 45 years' experience of building new homes across Argyll and beyond - including developments in Kintyre, Mid Argyll, Oban and on islands including Islay and Tiree.

The need by regulatory authorities to impose ever higher national specifications on local developments also proved more difficult and costly for rural areas, he said.

Mr MacLeod explained: 'My company is building 10 houses on the island of Jura. The only public road on the island, from which access will be taken to the site, is single lane. The internal road system planned for

10 affordable homes is required to be designed to city standards which is 5.5-metre wide with two-metre pavements.

'If development specifications could be revised, the savings made would fund additional houses within the footprint of a site.'

He said remote rural locations are more expensive to service because housing developments are on a smaller scale.

MacLeod's employs around 200 people directly and provides work to around 150-sub-contractors. It has made representations to the Scottish Government about a range of issues.

The family-run company emphasised the comments should not be seen as criticism of Argyll and Bute Council. Instead, they were directed at some national policies and how they impacted on rural development.

Argyll and Bute Council had been 'more than helpful' to local businesses in the recovery from lockdown, the company added. Mr MacLeod also suggested Scottish Water should be encouraged to allow small developments to be served by individual septic tanks or bio-discs. In addition, the provision of water and electricity to remote rural locations should be subsidised by the Scottish Government, he added.

Furthermore, the cost of 'impact studies' should not fall on the developer, he said.

Another issue was the requirement of registered social landlords that housing is built to extremely high specifications, he said. Mr MacLeod said: 'That high standard does, of course, ensure the houses are well insulated and easily maintained. The standard,

however, drives costs up dramatically and can make small, rural developments unaffordable. Careful planning of the specification could reduce building costs but still produce warm, highly insulated and comfortable homes.'

While there is Scottish Government funding for affordable housing and funding through Highlands and Islands Enterprise for workshop units, there is no funding for 'combined' units which incorporate a home and a workspace. This would allow young entrepreneurs to acquire a starter home or a home worker to relocate.

Argyll and Bute Council has one of the highest approval rates for new planning applications in Scotland. It said: 'Masterplans are rarely implemented in Argyll and Bute but they are used occasionally to enable partial development of larger areas of land. Infrastructure costs make up a significant proportion of the cost of new build housing particularly in smaller scale developments.'

VAT reduction for hospitality and tourism welcomed

Argyll and Bute Council has welcomed the UK Government's decision to cut VAT for the tourism and hospitality industry.

VAT in the hospitality and tourism sectors on food, accommodation and attractions has been temporarily cut -

from July 15 2020 to January 12 2021 - from 20 per cent to five per cent as part of the government's three-phased economic response to the Covid-19 crisis.

Tourism in Argyll and Bute plays a significant role supporting the local economy, providing 15 per cent of employment

and in 2019 contributed £510 million to the wider Scottish economy, according to the Scottish Tourism Economic Activity Monitor.

Councillor Alastair Redman, policy lead for economic growth, said: 'The pandemic has had a major impact on our

local economy with businesses and communities struggling with the effects lockdown has had on livelihoods. The temporary reduction in VAT is welcome and we hope as restrictions continue to ease our hospitality and tourism sector can start to recover.'



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Westport is wonderful

Westport beach is one of Kintyre's biggest assets. Its miles of white, sandy shores attract people from near and far.

It is a place of great renown, drawing surfers from around the world to ride the waves which crash onto the shore having come uninterrupted from North America.

It is, however, also a dangerous place for those who are unfamiliar with the sea. Even those who are regular wild swimmers may be taken unawares by the dangerous rip currents often present in the area.

The warning signs which are soon to be erected are long overdue. How are people to know of the dangers if there is nothing in place to tell them?

For many, Westport is a place of peaceful tranquility. It would be an awful shame if an avoidable tragedy was to take place there.

Following procedures

The reaction to the Ardshiel Hotel's announcement a guest had tested positive for Covid-19 after their stay in Campbeltown has shown people appreciate honesty.

The fact the risk was minimised by the Ardshiel's preventative measures shows the importance of following guidelines and putting thought into how best to operate under the current challenging circumstances. The outpouring of support from the community along with the understanding of the hotel's customers has been a comfort to the Ardshiel's staff who are a doing a brilliant job at what is a very hard time for everyone in the hospitality sector.

More balanced local politicians?

Councillor Alastair Redman's blind hatred of the SNP leads him to absurdities beyond parody.

He must know the First Minister has an approval rating in the UK, not only Scotland, 90 per cent above that of his beloved Johnson. The SNP is on course to take the great majority of the constituency seats in the next Holyrood election and independence is now the consistent majority view in opinion polls.

It is manifestly not the case that the Scottish public believes the pandemic has been mis-handled in Scotland. It equally clearly is the case that Johnson is widely perceived as having handled matters badly. Yet Redman rants and stamps.

Worse, you give him the space to do it. My anger is rapidly being transferred to the Courier for indulging him and giving him the publicity he craves.

At least last week, for a change, you did not carry another puff piece with a photograph of him. Can you not find more balanced local politicians to write in?

Tony Williams, Angry Old Man, Muasdale.

Plumbed new depths

Alastair Redman's weekly campaign to keep his name in front of the public via your columns has plumbed new depths (Letters, July 24) in his attempt to smear the Scottish Government's handling of the coronavirus crisis.

Everyone was shielding at the start of this. If anyone was included in the actual shielding category erroneously, was that not at least safer than them not being included?

Was it not better to be safe than sorry, especially in the face of such a damaging and deadly threat?

At the start of the crisis, the leader of the Scottish unionists promised in the Scottish Parliament not to politicise it.

That promise was quickly broken, though not by the First Minister, whose vow not to do so has been kept. She has given many a journalist a flea in their ear for asking politically motivated questions at her daily briefings and easily seen

off constant attacks by the Tories in the parliament chamber.

If Mr Redman wants to politicise it, he would do well to have a long hard look at the chaos and shambles his party has made of it in the rest of the UK.

Thank God they had no chance to do similar damage in Scotland.

William Crossan, Campbeltown.

Cost of EU withdrawal

The European Council, after one of the longest summits in EU history, recently agreed that, alongside its almost one trillion pound 2021-2027 budget, the Commission will borrow more than £680 billion in the financial markets.

This aims to assist member states' recovery from Covid-19 and will include more than £350 billion in grants.

The Economic Recovery Package includes grants for rural areas and the higher education sector, as well as environmental projects.

Allocations are based on the projected economic harm resulting from Covid and Scotland may have received in the region of £5.4 billion.

By contrast, the UK Government has allocated only £3.7 billion to Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

As an independent member of the EU, Scotland would clearly have been a major beneficiary from such an arrangement and yet again the UK's withdrawal from the EU continues to cost us dearly.

Alex Orr, Edinburgh.

Take a step in the right direction

We've all felt the strain of lockdown these past few months, which means looking after our physical and mental health is extremely important.

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My Step Challenge has been designed by BHF cardiac nurses so is suitable for all fitness levels, including those with heart and circulatory conditions.

It is a great way to increase your daily steps whilst raising vital funds for the BHF's life saving research.

Like many charities, the coronavirus crisis has devastated our income, costing us around £10 million a month. We are urging the public to #BackTheBHF and help the millions of people in the UK living with heart and circulatory diseases.

Research suggests people with these conditions are at higher risk of complications from Covid-19, meaning our work has never been more important.

Visit our website www.bhf.org.uk/mystepchallenge to find out more about how to improve your heart health and sign up to My Step Challenge.

Barbara Kobson, senior cardiac nurse, British Heart Foundation.

'Unacceptable' treatment of social care workers

It is unacceptable for the government to sidestep the issue of social care workers' pay with last week's announcement of a public sector pay rise that won't include them.

Care workers are here to care and have been a stalwart of the Covid-19 front line. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, professional care home staff have continued to provide care under the most challenging circumstances.

They – like their amazing colleagues in health – have done this with compassion, providing a lifeline for the most vulnerable across communities.

This has never been a low-skilled job and should never again be consigned as a low paid role.

We need the government to act now to ensure every care worker is recognised and rewarded for their extraordinary work.

Vic Rayner, executive director, National Care Forum.

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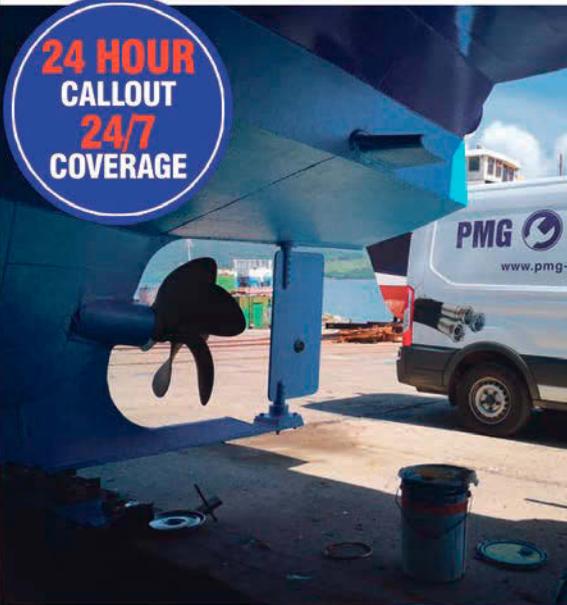
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PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's photograph, submitted by Patricia Stevenson, shows a sunset over the golf course and beach at Machrihanish at 10.35pm on a June evening. Patricia, who has a holiday home in the village, said: 'It was spectacular. I have so enjoyed walking and exploring the area. There are incredible vistas at every turn and, when the weather is favourable, it's paradise.' 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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Slimming World Fish Pie

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Ingredients

1 small onion, roughly chopped	2 large garlic cloves	250g skinless and boneless cod fillet, cut into bite-size chunks
100g peeled butternut squash, roughly chopped	1 fish stock cube, crumbled	200g raw peeled king prawns
100g cauliflower, cut into florets	1 tsp mustard powder	For the Topping
½ x 400g can cannellini beans, drained and rinsed	1 medium leek, sliced	1kg potatoes, peeled and roughly chopped
	250g skinless and boneless smoked haddock fillet, cut into bite-size chunks	2 tbsp finely chopped fresh parsley
		75g plain quark

Method:

1. Put the onion, squash, cauliflower, beans, garlic, stock cube, mustard powder and 250ml boiling water in a medium-size saucepan over a medium-low heat. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes or until tender.
2. Meanwhile, make the topping. Cook the potatoes in a saucepan of boiling water over a high heat for 15 minutes or until tender. Drain and mash well, then stir through the parsley and quark and season to taste.
3. While the potatoes are cooking put the leek in a small saucepan with 2 tbsp water. Cover and cook over a medium-low heat for about 10 minutes or until softened. Drain and keep warm.
4. Remove the cauliflower mixture from the heat and blitz until smooth with a stick blender (or use a food processor and return to the pan). Return the mixture to a gentle simmer and add the fish and prawns. Simmer gently for 8-10 minutes or until the fish is just cooked, stirring gently from time to time. Stir in the leek and season lightly.
5. Preheat the grill to medium-high.
6. Tip the fish mixture into an ovenproof dish (that will fit under your grill) and spread it out evenly. Spoon the mash over the top and cook under the grill for 10 minutes or until bubbling and slightly golden. Serve hot with your favourite vegetables.

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TEN YEARS AGO

Friday July 30, 2010

Villagers to fight offshore wind farm plans

People of Machrihanish turned out in force to a meeting on Wednesday and decided to form a group to fight plans for a massive wind farm in the waters off the coast of their village.

The meeting was swelled by others from across Kintyre, all concerned about the size, number and location of the turbines.

SSE Renewables is proposing 105 turbines over a 70 square km area, which would be 133m tall to the tip of the turbine blades.

'Far bigger than the ones we are used to on land,' said Judy Orr who was elected chairwoman of the group formed at the end of the evening. 'Navigation and aviation lights will be needed. Even at night you'll be able to see them.'

Only one person at the meeting spoke in favour of the plans.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday August 4, 1995

Second RNLi rocket lands in town

Campbeltown Lifeboat is to change its rocket launching procedure after a second near miss in the town in two months.

A rocket fired when Campbeltown Lifeboat

was launched last Wednesday evening, came down in Kinloch Green near a woman walking her dog.

In May, a lifeboat rocket came down in Dalintober Primary School's playground only moments before it would have been packed with children.

In last Wednesday's incident, Miss Mary MacKinlay was walking her sister's dog in the park around 7pm when she saw the canister hit the ground near her.

Miss MacKinlay told the Courier: 'I saw something tumbling. I got a terrible fright. They're supposed to save lives, not endanger them.'

She continued along to her sister Margaret's house in John Street but went out again 10 minutes to collect the canister.

In May, an identical object landed a few hundred yards away in Dalintober Primary School's playground, minutes before the children were due out. Campbeltown Lifeboat secretary Captain Gordon Black said he was surprised to hear another rocket had landed in the town.

He told the Courier: 'My reaction is amazement. We thought we'd taken ample precautions after the last incident.' But he added: 'This has possibly happened before, but we didn't realise it was happening as no-one reported it.'

Lifeboat maroons are fired out into Campbeltown Loch but after they explode the wind can bring the canister back in towards the town. Captain Black rejected suggestions the maroon was faulty or had been fired wrongly. He added that in future the maroon would be shot further down the loch to cut the risk of it returning to the town.



Fifty years ago: From left to right: Alasdair McMillan, on holiday in Campbeltown from Los Angeles, USA; Patsy McMillan, South Africa; General Sir George MacMillan, clan chief, Mrs N L McMillan, Campbeltown and her son, Neil McMillan from Ontario, Canada.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday July 30, 1970

Gathering of MacMillans

A group of MacMillans gathered in the Argyll Arms Hotel last week when a branch of the Clan MacMillan Society was founded. Fifty-one Kintyre McMillans attended.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday July 31, 1920

Loans to ex-service fishermen

In the annual report of the Fishery Board for Scotland, just published, the following statement is made with regard to the scheme for

issuing loans to ex-service fishermen for the purchase of motor fishing boats: 'Very soon after the conclusion of the Armistice, appeals for assistance to enable demobilised fishermen to resume their occupation were made. These appeals were based on the grounds that owing to the deterioration of boats which had necessarily had to be left unattended during their owners' absence on service, the shortage of boats was such that many men found themselves unable to find berths on those which were still fit for sea, while at the same time the output of new boats was almost in abeyance, and the price of those which were being built was beyond the unaided means of the fishermen.'

The Board satisfied themselves these representations were well founded and after considering the matter in all its aspects came to the conclusion the position could best be met by organising a building programme and transferring the boats to fishermen for payment by instalments. Negotiations were accordingly opened with the development commissioners with a view to obtaining funds to enable the scheme to be put into operation and eventually the board obtained an advance of £13,200 for that purpose. This advancement was, however, subject to stipulations that the vessels to be provided should be built to a specification to be laid down by the board and that the machinery of Co-operative Fishery Societies should be used in transferring the boats to fishermen when completed. Such societies were non-existent in Scotland so steps were therefore taken to draw up model rules for the guidance of fishermen and to organise the societies. For a time, the endeavours made to this end promised to be successful but, in the end, they proved abortive, the innate individualism of the Scottish fishermen proving too deeply rooted to be overcome by the arguments in favour of the co-operative.

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Islay Life returns to 'normal'

Residents and visitors can once again enjoy 12,000 years of Islay history after the safe reopening of the Museum of Islay Life – Taigh-tasgaidh Muinntir Ìle.

A one-way route through the museum's varied displays has been designed and a hand-sanitising point at the entrance has been set up.

Museum manager Jenni Minto said: 'We are really looking forward to welcoming visitors again. Eileen MacKenzie, myself and the trustees have worked very hard to ensure our treasured collection can be enjoyed safely.'

The museum features a new display telling the story of how the island's iconic Georgian villages were created. Each village has a section looking at how it was established, containing maps, information and photographs.

Eileen MacKenzie said: 'It has been interesting researching and designing the display, gathering the stories of the villages on Islay from the museum's archive and, importantly, getting help from Catriona Bell, Eleanor McNab and Sharon McHarrie.'

This work has been supported by Museums Galleries Scotland and Friends of Bruichladdich. The creation of this display was prompted by many questions from visitors about how Islay's beautiful planned villages came into being.

A new case, funded by Ben Reavey and family in memory of former chairman of the museum Carl Reavey, displays the 1593 Campbell of Cawdor Seal, unearthed during the Islay Heritage excavation of Dunyvaig Castle in 2018.

As a result of a continuing



The Rothesay Castle's bell has been donated to the museum.

agreement with Jennifer Jones, curator of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, the museum is pleased the American Stars and Stripes, sewn by Islay women in 1918 for the funerals of American soldiers lost in the Tuscania tragedy, will be displayed on Islay for a further three years. The flag is framed in a new case, funded by Professor Richard Kurin, Ambassador-at-large, Smithsonian Institution, which is mounted on a specially-made wooden case by Alastair MacLellan and Malcolm Wilson.

Jenni said: 'It is such an important piece of Islay history, illustrating how our community came together in respect to mourn the loss of young men during First World One. On behalf of the museum, I would like to thank Jennifer, Richard and their colleagues for allowing the flag to remain on display so that more people can experience the thrill of seeing it back on Islay.'

Unfortunately, the museum's reference library is not available and the tablet computers containing the museum's photograph and postcard collection which visitors could previously look through have also been taken off display. The hope is both can return next year. The new one-way route has allowed Eileen and Jenni to change around some of the much-loved displays and dig into the museum's collection to bring out some new items.

The Tuscania display has been enhanced by the addition of the blue-print of the ship which belonged to Captain Peter MacLean, along with his medals, donated by his family.

Over the winter months, the museum has benefited from a few new items being donated, including the bell of the Rothesay Castle iron steamship by the Hymas-Shackleton family from North Yorkshire, who wanted to 'find it a home in which it can be treasured'.

The Rothesay Castle, having left New York on December 27 1939, became stranded near Islay on January 4 1940. An SOS message received by the Coastguard was passed on to the RNLi at Port Askaig. The following day the ship was still firmly stuck on the rocks and the remaining crew were taken off. A court of enquiry found the captain was found guilty of the loss by serious default and his Certificate of Competency was suspended for a year. The wreck lies near Nave island, although it is now broken up. One of its lifeboats was put to important use, becoming the

Gordie's boat which ferried passengers between Islay and Jura.

The museum reopened on Monday July 27 and will be open from Monday to Friday, from 11am to 2pm.



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Sweet reward for lockdown poets



Ava Fulton.

Shopper-Aide has delivered sweet prizes to the young winners of its poetry competition.

Run throughout lockdown, the challenge aimed to provide budding writers with something to keep them busy while stuck at home.

Beautifully packaged goodies from Molly's Sweets Treats at the Tin Roof Diner were delivered to the six children who were crowned winners – Eve Hall, Elana Lewis, Austin O'Hanlon, Maisey Graham, Ava Fulton and Sean McArthur – while a hamper from Fresh

Connection was presented to Margaret Campbell from Carradale, the competition's adult winner.

A Shopper-Aide spokesperson said: 'We thank all the children and adults who took the time to write some superb entries and we hope they were tuned into Argyll FM as John Armour recited them on his show. Thanks also to primary schools for encouraging children to take part.'

The competition was just one of a range of things Shopper-Aide has organised to help clients remain engaged while the social groups which many attend were postponed.

Activity boxes have been sent out to workers and volunteers to distribute on Gigha and in East and West Kintyre, as well as items being offered around Campbeltown.

The boxes contain a range of items including colouring

books, puzzle books, photograph albums, scrap books, craft kits, jigsaws, games, knitting sets and books.

Afternoon teas where quiz sheets and goodie bags were delivered to clients in their own homes have been popular and have provided a chance to enjoy being part of something bigger. Socialising may be on hold but the feeling of being involved in something social can continue.

Shopper-Aide is also planning to create a 'lockdown masterpiece' in the form of a blanket made using knitted squares which people have donated. As restrictions ease, Shopper-Aide says it will continue to support its clients who remain anxious and isolated in these uncertain times.

'Many thanks to our numerous funders for supporting our work during this time,' the spokesperson added.



Sean McArthur.



Maisey Graham.



Austin O'Hanlon.



Eve Hall.

One of the winning entries: The Year Ahead, by Eve Hall

This is a poem about the year ahead,
After all these days of dread,
Just to liven up our lives,
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Focus on photography contest

Budding young photographers are in with a chance of winning prizes for their images thanks to the Rotary Club of Campbeltown's Young Photographer of the Year competition with the theme, Wild Nature.

Alan Milstead, the Rotary's local co-ordinator, said: 'This competition gives us a great opportunity to showcase our area as well as an

opportunity for younger residents to participate in a challenging competition without needing to worry about social distancing. Photographs can be taken using phones as well as cameras.'

There are three classes: junior for seven to 10-year-olds; intermediate for 11 to 13-year-olds and senior for 14 to 17-year-olds. Entrants must be within the age groups on August 31, 2020.

Entry forms are available at the flower counter in Fresh Connection on Campbeltown's Main Street or by emailing campbeltownrotary@gmail.com. The closing date is September 30 and entries should be left at the Argyll Hotel, Main Street, Campbeltown, in an envelope marked for the Rotary Club of Campbeltown and emailed to campbeltownrotary@gmail.com.

Photographs should be at least 5MB but not bigger than 15MB.

The winners in each category will get a prize and go forward to the district competition in the New Year. If they are chosen as winners at that stage, they will go on to compete in the national finals in March 2021. All entries will be part of an exhibition in the town.

Happy lockdown birthday, Dylan!



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 one Campbeltown boy plans to spend his 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 shoutout. 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.

Dylan Niedzwiedzki from Campbeltown will be seven on Sunday, August 2. He will be spending his birthday with his family.

Pioneering service aims to give young people a voice

Young people in Argyll and Bute are being offered the chance to join a pioneering new service by Young Scot that will put Scotland's young people at the heart of decision-making to influence policy and services that affect them.

Scotland's national youth information and citizenship charity Young Scot is calling on young people to sign up for its evolved co-design service #YSHive – launched on Tuesday July 28.

The service empowers young people to be system changers and influencers by sharing power with organisations and tackling society's toughest challenges. This gives young people across Scotland the opportunity to have their voices heard and be involved in tackling some of society's toughest challenges.

#YSHive provides volunteers

with the necessary skills, design models and tools to unlock culture and system change – ensuring young people are the forefront of change.

In the past, Young Scot's co-design projects have been behind some of the biggest policy changes surrounding young people including the Scottish Government Mental Health Strategy, The National Transport Strategy and BBC Scotland's future output across TV, radio and online.

Louise Macdonald OBE, chief executive of Young Scot, said: '#YSHive is a ground-breaking movement that passes power to young people and enables them to become system changers and influencers as they explore new and innovative ways to work with organisations on the issues most important to them.'

For more information visit young.scot/yshive

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It's time to enjoy a Great British family 'staycation'

People are being encouraged to enjoy summer safely by exploring destinations closer to home. Taking a holiday in the United Kingdom offers people the chance to uncover some stunning scenery, wonderful attractions and superb accommodation without having to jump on a plane. Here, we take a look at the type of places you can stay, the rules you need to follow and how to enjoy a great staycation.

SUMMER IS here and Britain is beginning to reopen, providing everyone with the opportunity to start dreaming about a holiday.

And this year a staycation could give you some much needed rest and recuperation, while also helping get the holiday industry back up and running.

Hotels, campsites, bed and breakfast accommodation and other places to stay are now opening if they can follow the guidelines relevant to their locality to ensure that their guests will be safe to stay and spend days wandering our award-winning coastlines, exploring our green spaces and getting inspired in our cities.

Each accommodation provider is unique and those that have reopened have had to adapt depending on the nature of their business, including the size and type of accommodation.

But these changes mean it is safe for visitors to come and enjoy a change of scenery.

But even when we are away from home, we still need to follow the guidelines.

Speaking earlier this month, Prime Minister Boris Johnson said: "As lockdown eases, we should focus on supporting the livelihoods of business owners and their employees up and down the country – all of whom are opening their doors for the first time in more than three months.

"They are our local restaurants, hairdressers, libraries, museums, cinemas, and yes, pubs. They are also

Take a trip with confidence

Scotland's colourful countryside, breathtaking beaches and glorious gardens are ready to welcome visitors this summer. Many locations are reopening, but have restricted visitor numbers and pre-booked time slots, so we recommend looking at the official websites for attractions and organisations before you travel, so that you're in the know before you go. The national tourist organisations of Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland have launched a UK-wide industry standard

and 'We're Good to Go' mark. The mark means businesses can demonstrate that they are adhering to the respective government and public health guidance, ensuring they can welcome visitors back with confidence. Do remember that our four nations have different guidelines, advice and timescales for reopening tourism. Please respect government guidance on social distancing and also any regional lockdown measures that are provided by the respective nation.

hotels, B&Bs, indeed much of our tourism industry.

"All these businesses and their workers have put in a heroic effort to prepare their venues for this reopening, to work out a way to trade in a way that keeps their customers safe.

"But the success of these businesses, the livelihoods of those who rely on them, and ultimately the economic health of the whole country is dependent on every single one of us acting responsibly. We must not let them down."

Mr Johnson emphasised that even if we are now allowed to spend nights away from our own homes, we must still follow social distancing rules.

When out and about, we need to remember to look after ourselves, one another and the



As lockdown eases, we should focus on supporting the livelihoods of business owners and their employees

environment around us. To make sure we're all doing our bit to travel responsibly, just follow a few simple steps.

When planning your trip, check that important facilities



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like toilets and car parks are open before you travel.

If you have an attraction in mind, check online to see if you need to pre-book.

Some places may be extremely popular, so get off the beaten track and discover a hidden gem.

Stay socially distanced apart from anyone outside your household while walking, running, cycling, sitting and sunbathing.

Wear your face covering at all times when on public transport.

Make sure you have a bank card; many outlets are currently only accepting cashless payments. Take hand sanitiser with you. Leave the car behind where possible and visit nearby attractions by walking, cycling or public transport.

Bliss on Loch Lomond

Heidi and Stuart Cordner have reopened their self-catering property on the shores of Loch Lomond and their family-run passenger cruise business, Cruise Loch Lomond.

The 10-person rental property is set in self-contained grounds on the shore of the lake, and the Cordners hope guests will contribute to the local economy while being respectful. They have implemented virus prevention measures in both the property and on the boats, including

increased cleaning and social distancing procedures. They have also invested in additional cleaning equipment and training for cleaning staff. Passengers are asked to wear face coverings and book in advance, and capacity has been reduced to allow for social distancing. "We live in a small community but we're fortunate that there's a lot of space and our main business is an outdoor activity," said Mr Cordner.

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'Defences' in place as Castle reopens to the general public

NORTHUMBERLAND'S OLDEST castle hotel, Langley Castle near Hexham, has reopened to visitors, with all the appropriate "defences" in place. The castle, which has survived attacks by Border Reivers and a fire that left it as a ruin for centuries, has again been buzzing with guests who have been impressed by the

sanitary and social distancing measures that Langley has already put in place. The management team makes many arrangements upfront, such as menu choices and payments, as part of the social distancing procedures that are required. Other changes affect check-in and check-out times, to enable the housekeeping team to carry

out deep cleans. Executive general manager Margaret Livingstone-Evans said: "We have stayed upbeat and optimistic and have managed to generate enquiries throughout lockdown, by being creative about the ways in which we can make things happen, in a safe way." More details at langleycastle.co.uk



LANGLEY CASTLE: Guests have been impressed by the sanitary and social distancing measures.

Camping perfect for keeping distance

Cool Camping is a curated website of small, independently-run camping and glamping sites across Wales and beyond. Marketing manager James Warner Smith said: "Having campfires, spreading yourself out, being able to chat with the owner of the business who'll be able to recommend a local pub – they're all big parts of the appeal of camping. "You're much more likely to be pitching your tent among shrubs and long grass with a lot of space between you and your neighbours."

The company has been working closely with campsites in Wales to ensure safety guidelines are met. At the moment, only self-contained accommodation can open, so the website only allows those types of sites to be booked. They've introduced a new feature on the website where each business can indicate what new safety measures they've put in place. Among the most popular places among potential

visitors is Pembrokeshire, with secluded spots outside of national parks all proving popular. ■ Wales is open for camping from 25 July. Image (below) courtesy of Cool Camping



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Kerry MacKay is looking forward to her voyage.

Better known for her work with GRAB Trust, Kerry MacKay invites you to join her on an epic sea voyage around the UK.

Trained ecologist Kerry's natural habitat is running workshops with schools and the community about avoiding litter on our beaches, but while furloughed due to COVID-19 she is joining a tall ship sailing expedition to bring ocean science to life.

Tall ship Pelican of London will be her home for a two-month sailing expedition circumnavigating the UK. Stopping at locations including St Kilda, the Scilly Isles, Orkney, Shetland, the Hebrides and Bass Rock, the team hopes to bring ocean science to life for everyone.

As new crew, Kerry will re-

ceive a week's training ahead of the official start of the Darwin 200 UK voyage on August 4.

'I've never sailed before,' Kerry explained, 'so it will be a fantastic way to learn. I am, however, a keen scuba diver and cannot wait to dive places like St Kilda and the Scilly Isles, doing underwater surveys and filming.'

Precautions are, of course, being taken to minimise the COVID-19 risks, including a week's isolation and COVID tests before the voyage.

Led by members of Plymouth University, projects will investigate a range of ocean health indicators - from whale and dolphin watching, hydrophones and plankton trawls, to conductivity and temperature monitoring. Not to mention ocean plastic pollution and

microplastics, which Kerry already works on with the GRAB Trust and the Marine Conservation Society.

Kerry continued: 'We want as many people as possible to share this experience so there is a team of camera people aboard who will capture all the adventures on deck, underwater and with drones.'

'Follow the adventure on the Darwin 200 social media pages. There will be videos, cutting edge science, live lectures and stunning scenery with amazing wildlife.'

Don't forget to check out the Darwin200 website and follow Kerry and the team on Facebook @Darwin2002021, on Twitter and Instagram @Darwin200_ and YouTube channel Darwin200, as well as using #Darwin200.

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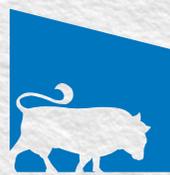
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What skills and qualifications do I need?

You will need core skills of English, basic arithmetic,

some skills in problem solving, using a computer and team work. And while there are lots of roles which won't require you to have qualifications, there are some courses which can give you a taster of what it is like to work in social care.

If you are still at school you could consider a Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services and Health Care - this will allow you to combine a National Progression Award (NPA) in Social Services and Healthcare at SCQF Level Six, with a work placement where you spend time with an employer, completing four units from the SVQ level two Social Services and Healthcare. This course is delivered by Argyll College UHI in partnership with High Schools across Argyll.

If you are a school leaver or a mature student, then the HNC Social Services, available locally at Argyll College UHI, will prepare you to work in a variety of care settings. During the one-year course, you will have the opportunity to undertake a work placement where you'll complete three vocational units. You can study full time or part time to suit your own personal circumstances, or even undertake individual units as part of your continuous professional development (CPD).

Rita Yost successfully completed this course and was nominated for the Ina Maciver Award for her passion for social care, her practical and academic performance and her dedication to her studies.

She says, 'Having good support from classmates and tutors, and learning from their experiences as well as on work placements, convinced me that working in social care was what I really wanted. It gave me the drive to achieve the best I could. I have fulfilled my goal, as I am now a qualified,

employed residential care worker thanks to the University of the Highlands and Islands.'

For those already working in the care sector, there are work based qualifications which enable you to gain recognition for the skills and experience you gain on the job. Scottish Vocational qualifications are assessed in your workplace and at Argyll College UHI - you will be appointed a personal tutor who will support you to complete a written portfolio of work, related to your workplace duties.

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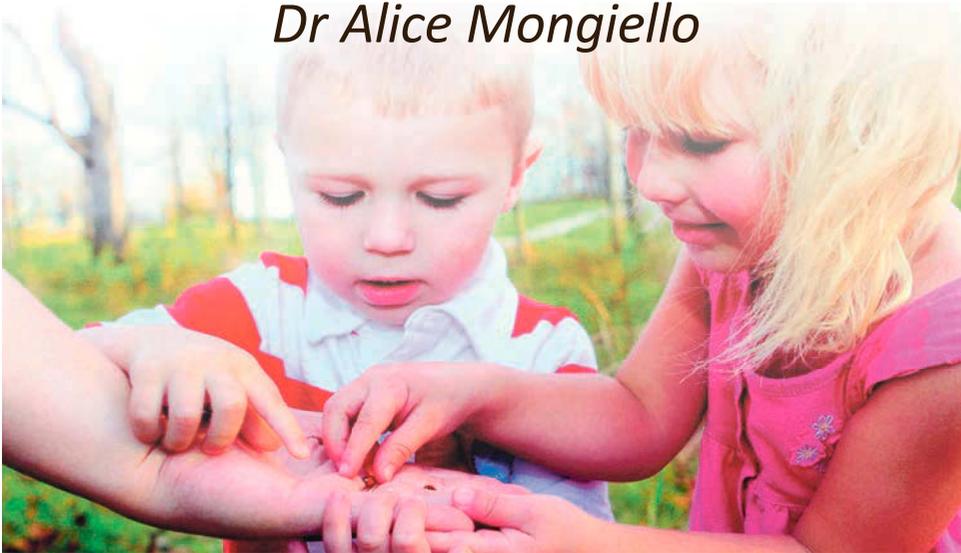
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Early learning and childcare – Dr Alice Mongiello



'Being human is more important than ever: my experience of delivering learning and teaching remotely for the past 15 years' -



Dr Alice Mongiello, programme leader for the BA (Hons) Childhood Practice and Graduate Apprenticeship in Early Learning and Childcare, University of the Highlands and Islands.

As colleges and universities across the UK come to terms with the suspension of face-to-face teaching due to the Covid-19 pandemic, at the University of the Highlands and Islands, we knew we were in a better position than most to adapt to this 'new' normal. After all, it is just what we do.

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As programme leader for the BA (Hons) Childhood Practice and Graduate Apprenticeship in Early Learning and Childcare, my 'old' normal is the 'new' normal for so many educators as both courses are, and have always been, offered fully online. I am also responsible for delivering a Master's module on the Theory and Practice of eLearning – my doctoral research and more recent projects focus on the experience of online learning and the nature of online authentic practice. I have also written and presented numerous papers on the subject of online learning and teaching across the world.

Over the past 15 years, I have often found myself in discussion with colleagues who believe they need to develop a new skillset to deliver learning and teaching remotely. However, from my experience, the technology is not the master that determines our success but rather it is the human connection within the online space and how we interact with our learners that matters. Often what is actually required is a change of mindset: the online context is just a different classroom space. Yes, of course, we do need to have an understanding of technology and the tools available, but our focus should be on

creating a space that fosters connections and enables positive learning experiences.

I have coined the phrases 'humanising the machine' and 'becoming more human'. Ultimately the key for delivering successfully online lies in an educator's ability to build relationships and make connections: skills that lie at the heart of the learning and teaching process regardless of the context. It is human connections rather than the technology that promotes potential transformative learning experiences; the technology merely offers the platform in which these experiences take place.

More recently I have been considering the concept of 'love-led practice': where educators value their learners as fellow human beings, with their own unique characteristics, their own challenges and their own lives. Each learner comes with their own lived biographies. Our role as online educators is to acknowledge this and recognise the ways in which this affects the overall learning process for our students. It is therefore important that educators present a human online persona that aligns with who they are. This fosters an environment which is based on trust, creates a space that is warm, caring, and compassionate, and where learners feel safe to engage, learn and interact. Whether face-to-face or online, the experience of learning may cause discomfort for our students, it may push them out of their comfort zone. As an online educator you need support students to embrace the discomfort in an online space where they feel safe and secure to experience new things.

How you do this in a practical sense is down to you as an individual, but, there are simple things you can do, such as using your students' names during your interactions online, getting to know them and regularly checking in – although you are not big brother, your role is not to 'police' the online space. Show your own personality – my cat and dogs regularly make an appearance – make your sessions fun, show humour, create a social environment for students, share content that resonates, ensure you stay connected, and above all, communicate how you feel and what you think. The online space is not a place to hide but rather to be present, open and recognise that as humans we are far from perfect. Being vulnerable makes us human and helps to break down the barriers students often face when they enter the online space. As an online educator, you should also never underestimate the impact the written word can have on learners.

In a world where people feel less connected to their friends, families and colleagues, becoming more human online is even more important as we navigate through this crisis.

Argyll students of the year 2020

Argyll College UHI works closely with the regional high schools delivering a range of courses which supplement the school's senior curriculum and give pupils a taste of college life. Each year, the college selects local and overall school prize-winners and here we take a look at the 2020 winning group.

Erin Mulholland, fifth year pupil at Arran High School was the prize-winner on Arran. Erin recently completed Skills for Work Childhood Practice course at SCQF level five, and was nominated by tutor Isobel MacDonald, who said: 'Erin is an extremely conscientious student. She is very caring and will take the time to listen to others, contributing well in class discussions.'



Erin said: 'I was happy to get the award and I loved the course; it has given me a clear idea of my future career choice.'

Ben MacDonald picked up the prize in Islay, having recently completed a Creative Digital Media course at SCQF level four.



Islay High School head teacher, Stephen Harrison said: 'We're absolutely delighted for Ben and it's great to see the commitment and effort that he has put into this course. I have no doubt that this will give him a great deal of confidence going forward as he starts thinking about a career after school. Well done, Ben!'

In Oban, Amy Cameron, who completed Skills for Work Hairdressing course, scooped the prize. Tutor, Lisa Johnston nominated Amy and said: 'Throughout the year Amy has consistently produced written and practical work of the highest standard, she has worked above and beyond the requirements of the course. Amy used her time in class to continue developing her skills, regularly discussing and demonstrating the skills she was learning in her place of work with a passion that shows she will do very well working in the hairdressing industry.'



Amy said: 'I'm so thankful that I was able to receive this award, I wouldn't have been able to do it without my friends from Trinity Hairdressers and my hairdressing tutor Lisa. Thank you very much.'

Finally, Inveraray teenager Amy Owen beat stiff competition to be named the overall Argyll College 2020 Schools Link Student of the Year. Amy completed the Skills for Work Health Sector programme, delivered for Lochgilphead Joint Campus senior students by Argyll College UHI.

Tutor Linda Brown said: 'Amy embraced every opportunity and worked exceptionally well with the members of the MS Centre (Lochgilphead) group, Brain Fog. She supported them with activities including Christmas party and charity events such as the Fire Walk where Amy helped with making posters and T shirts to promote the event.'

According to Claire Cameron (outreach worker, MS Centre Lochgilphead): 'Amy did amazingly well and made a huge impression on everyone. She became a trainer for Digesting Science and showed a lot of care and skill when delivering the training to other volunteers at the MS Centre.'

Amy said: 'I was very shocked to receive the award but also very pleased, it's been a great year and I had an amazing tutor!'

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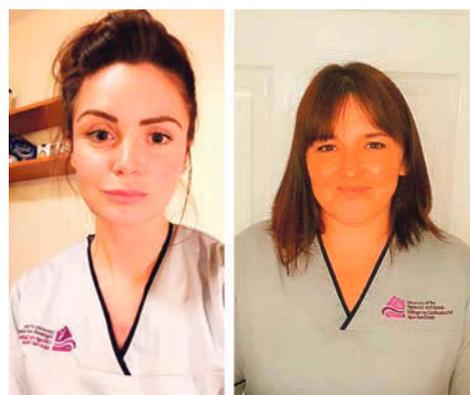
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Connor Murphy: HNC Computing

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and response is always quick. I think it made me a more independent learner because tasks are set, you go off and research alone and then come back into the virtual classroom to discuss or submit. It has prepared me well for studying at the next level.'



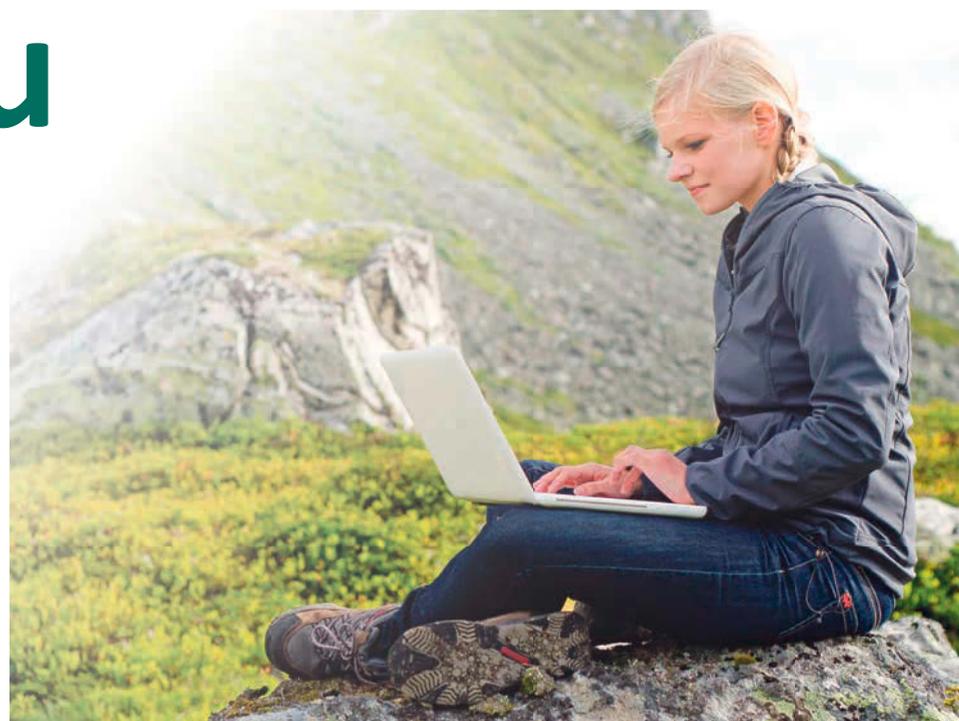
Elaine Stoddart and Kasha Mackay: HNC Social Services then on to BSc Adult Nursing

'We studied HNC Social Services together, this was the first step on the way to fulfilling our dream of becoming nurses. With young families, being able to start the journey back into education close to home was very important. With our newfound confidence and determination and support from college, we progressed onto BSc Adult Nursing with UHI. We are both proud that one day we will graduate from UHI to serve the NHS as qualified, experienced nurses.'



Giles Wade: NQ Outdoor Leadership

'I feel so lucky to have found the School of Adventure Studies. The experiences that I and my fellow classmates have enjoyed have been unparalleled. The instructors and lecturers are at the top of their game and so inspiring and encouraging. My practical skills have developed alongside the inter-personal skills of inspiring and leading, being responsible and competent in challenging outdoor environments.'



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Browse through the Smiddy's collection of fascinating artefacts and tools. Chat to smiddy staff about its story and place in Strachur's history.

Strachur Smiddy dates back to at least 1791 and continues as a working smiddy to this day, where most weekends local man John Bain works the forge, liking nothing better than to share his knowledge and experience of the trade with visitors.

John mostly makes pokers, which are for sale in the craft shop and which also has a fine display of other local craft for sale.

Strachur Smiddy is open Saturdays and Sundays, 1pm to 4pm, from Saturday August 1 to Sunday September 27. The museum is accessible for disabled visitors.

The smiddy is looking forward to welcoming visitors in this its 24th season, and is fully prepared, in line with all health and Covid-19 regulations. When visiting the museum, visitors are asked to wear a mask while inside the smiddy and shop, maintaining a 2-metre distance from the blacksmith. Hand sanitiser will be available for use.

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United Auctions Stirling, July 23, sold 6072 prime sheep comprising of 4616 new season lambs selling to average 210.56p also 87 prime hoggys averaged 147.41ppk and 1369 ewes and rams.

New Season Lambs (4616) – Easterton (BTex) £115.00; Harviesmailing (BTex) £112.50; Laighwood & West Lethans (Tex) £115.00; Bellcraig (Suf) £101.00; Little Gairdrum (Suf) £100.00; Balmyre (Cha) £100.00; Shanry (Cha) £94.00; Nether Falla (Hamp) £95.50; Cretlevane (Cross) £94.00; Gaisland (Cross) £88.00; Ochiltree (Chev/Mule) £94.00; Merkins (BF) £89.50; Coxhill (Mule) £89.00; Leyden (Hamp) £87.00.

New Season Lambs (4616) – Harviesmailing (BTex) 247.00ppk; Easterton (BTex) 345.00ppk; Easterton (Tex) 238.00ppk; Hardiston (Tex) 236.00ppk; Leyden (Suf) 223.00ppk; Bangour & Hunterston (Suf) 222.00ppk; Bangour (Cha) 218.00ppk; Balmyre (Cha) 216.00ppk; Wester Arngibbon (Cross) 212.00ppk; South Ardattie (Cross) 211.00ppk; South Ardattie (Mule) 211.00ppk; Shields (Mule) 206.00ppk; Duncanzemere (Chev/Mule) 211.00ppk; Nether Falla (Hamp) 195.00ppk; Merkins (BF) 193.00ppk.

Ewes (1369) – Elmscleugh (Tex) £148.00; Drimsynie (Tex) £142.00; Woodhead of Aberdalgie (TexX) £136.00; Wester Whitefield (Cont) £125.00; Blinkbonny (Cont) £122.00; Berrydyke (BTex) £104.00 & £99.00; Overton (BFL) £96.00; Westhall (BFL) £95.00; Shanry (Chev/Mule) £97.00; West Mains (Chev/Mule) £92.50; Abbey St

Bathens (Suf) £95.50; Halkerston (SuffX) £81.00; Sauchrie Mains (Mule) £94.00; Woodhead of Mailer (Mule) £86.00; Whitesykes (Chev) £88.00; Coxhill (Chev) £85.00; Wester Mye & Sauchenhall (Cross) £85.00; Parks of Keillor (BF) £80.00; Bogside (BF) £78.00; Elmscleugh (BF) £76.50. **Tups** – Elmscleugh (Tex) £121.00; Bogburn (Tex) £104.00; Groan (BTex) £89.00; Lochend (Hamp) £84.00; Bogside (BFL) £80.00; Drumessie (BF) £67.00.

Caledonian Marts Ltd sold 118 Cattle comprising of 76 Bullocks, Heifers & Young Bulls, 42 OTM Cattle.

With a planer show of Bullocks they averaged 648kg at 219ppkg. Heifers 592kg at 229ppkg. Beef Bulls 680kg at 195ppkg. Dairy Bred Bulls 595kg at 169ppkg (all over 16months)

Prime Bullocks sold to 252ppkg for a Limousin from J M Smith, North Boig, New Cumnock purchased by G Kirk, Butchers, Denny and to £1552 on two occasion for Limousins from A A & J Brand, Nether Myres, Auchtermuchty and F C Eccles, Bruckley, St Andrews purchased by W Pinkerton and J Gilvear & Sons respectively.

Prime Heifers sold to 248ppkg on two occasions from M Orr, Penston, Macmerry and W Dandie, Learielaw, Broxburn purchased by J Gilvear & Sons and D Campbell, Butchers, Callander and to £1566 for a Limousin from Monkey Puzzle Limousins, Melrose purchased by H A Black, Butchers, Stirling.

Bulls (under 30 months) sold to 212ppkg for a Limousin from Monkey Puzzle Limousins, Melrose and to £1509 for a Limousin again from Monkey Puzzle Limousins, Melrose.

Other Leading Prices
Bullocks per kg
245p Penston
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240p Easter Ochtermuthill
238p North Boig, Nether Myres & Bruckley
232p Penston & Meadowend
225p Newbigging & Bruckley
Heifers per kg
245p Nethermyres, North Boig, Easter Buchlyvie & Learielaw
242p Carriston, Easter Ochtermuthill & Nethermyres
240p Carriston
238p Learielaw, Easter Buchlyvie & Easter Ochtermuthill
235p Easter Buchlyvie & Learielaw
232p Meadowend
230p Easter Buchlyvie

Bullocks per head
£1547 North Boig
£1529 Easter Ochtermuthill
£1509 Newbigging of Ceres
£1494 Nethermyres
£1489 Penston (twice)
£1485 Bruckley
£1484 Meadowend
Heifers per head
£1545 Easter Buchlyvie
£1542 Penston
£1509 North Boig
£1495 & £1494 Easter Buchlyvie
£1443 Meadowend
£1431 Nether Longford
Also forward were 42 OTM Cattle. OTM's averaged 134ppkg selling to 178ppkg for a Limousin from

W Dandie & Sons, Learielaw, Broxburn and to £1350 for the same beast.
Dairy Cows averaged 106ppkg selling to 121ppkg from J Baxter, Gibleston, Bridge of Weir and to £870 from the same home and Ross Farms, Wester Middleton, Gorebridge.

Other Leading Prices
Beef OTMs per kg
172p Nether Longford
168p West Mains
164p Glenside
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Beef OTMs per head
£1160 West Mains
£1130 Hawkhill
£1060 Nether Longford
£1000 Easter Dullatur
Dairy Cows per head
£800 Gibleston & West Backs
£740 West Backs
£720 Gibleston

United Auctions, Stirling, July 22 – sold 445 store cattle and 79 out of spec cattle, cast cows and bulls also 53 pedigree Poll Dorset and Dorset Horn sheep and 200 breeding sheep
Bullocks (201) – averaged 227.29p to 252.80p per kg for a 360kg CHX from Polquhairn, and to £1430 for a 688kg SimX from Putechan.
Dairy Bullocks (24) – averaged 180.43p to 213.40p per kg for a 396kg MRIX from Caddell, and to £1010 for a 608kg MOX from Nethertown.
Heifers (220) – averaged 217.22p to 247.20p per kg for a 441kg LimX from Gateside, and to £1210 for a 592kg CHX from Pardovan.

Beef Cows and Bulls (50) – averaged 151.68p to 196.90p per kg for a AAX from Meikle Camoquhill, and to £1650 for a Lim from Over Finlary.

Dairy Cows (18) – averaged 128.43p to 187.50p per kg for a MOX from Meikle Camoquhill, and to £1170 for a MOX from Meikle Camoquhill.
Out of Spec Cattle (11) – averaged 175.73p to 205.00p per kg for a BSX from Cairnie, and to £1690 for a BSX from Cairnie.

Bullocks: 301-350kgs- Gateside £800, 250.80p; 351-400kgs- Parkhouse £930, Polquhairn 252.80p; 401-450kgs- Crofthead £1080, 252.30p; 451-500kgs- Crofthead £1165, Gateside 246.10p; 501-551kgs- Crofthead £1200, 237.20p; 552-601kgs- Crofthead £1270, 230.10p; 602-651kgs- Shawbraes £1330, 218.80p; 652-701kgs- Putechan £1430, 207.80p.

Heifers: 251-300kgs- Grassfield £580, 226.60p; 301-350kgs- Polquhairn £805, 242.50p; 351-400kgs- Parkhouses £960, 246.20p; 401-450kgs- Mill of Plunkton £1100, Gateside 247.20p; 451-500kgs- Mill of Plunkton £1150, 238.60p; 501-551kgs- Nethertown £1120, Cuttlehill 220.50p; 552-601kgs- Pardovan £1300, 221.80p.

OTM Cows:
£ per head- Over Finlary (Lim) £1650; Todpark (CH) £1450; Kaeside (Sal) £1350; Newpark (AA) £1350; Meikle Camoquhill (MO) £1170.00; Norrieston (HF) £1130.00; Netherton (Sim) £1070; Stanley (BB) £1050; Wemyss (BS) £1010.

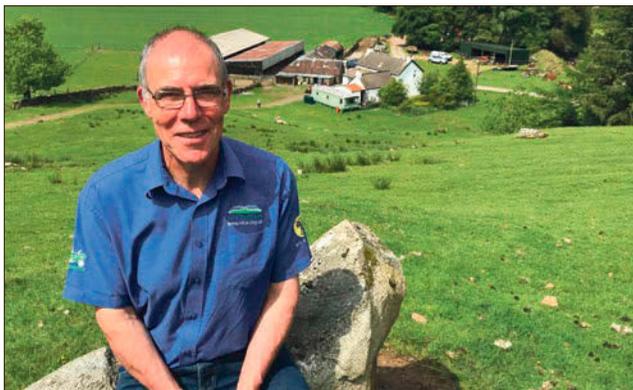
PPK- Meikle Camoquhill (AA) 196.60ppk; Meikle Camoquhill (MO) 187.50ppk; Mains of Callander (Sal) 182.50ppk; Over Finlary (Lim) 177.80ppk; Todpark (CH) 162.90ppk; Shottrigg (Sim) 150.90ppk; Stanley (BB) 147.90ppk; Wemyss (BS) 140.10ppk.

OTM Bulls:
£ per head- West Park (Lim) £1570; Kaeside (CH) £1470; Arnhall (Sim) £1410; Newpark (AA) £1250. PPK- Longloch (CH) 183.20ppk; Newhouse of Glamis (Lim) 180.00ppk; Arnhall (Sim) 136.40ppk; Newpark (AA) 125.00ppk.

Out of Spec Cattle:
£ per head- Cairnie (Lim) £1690; Cairnie (BS) £1390; West Park (Lim) £1250; Craigmaddie Muir (AA) £1210
PPK- Longloch (Sim) 205.10ppk; Cairnie (BS) 205.00ppk; Craigmaddie Muir (AA) 185.00ppk; West Park (Lim) 186.60ppk.

United Auctions sold 53 pedigree Poll Dorset and Dorset Horn sheep and their annual sale. Topping the sale at 1100gns was a tremendous ram lamb, Mainview Chieftain from Mr & Mrs A Kennedy, Mainview, Ballymena, by the Ballytaggart After Shock stock ram and sold to M/s Baxter, Castleroddy Road, Omagh. Following in the female line was an outstanding ewe lamb from the same home. Mainview C1161 by the homebred sire Mainview Armani, Selling at 700gns to M/s Moorhead, Lisnaght, Ballymoney, Co Antrim.

Discuss agri-environment measures now



Future agri-environment measures must enable farmers and crofters to play their key role in managing a significant majority of Scotland's environmental interests, writes Environment and Land Use committee chairman, Angus MacFadyen, a hill farmer from near Oban.

Left: Angus MacFadyen, Environment and Land Use committee chairman.

Farmers and crofters need confidence to continue to come forward with applications

Earlier this year, Scottish Government Ministers decided there would not be a normal AECS application round in 2020.

Instead, one-year extensions would be available for those whose AECS contracts expire in 2020 to ensure continued support for vital land management required to protect biodiversity and tackle climate change.

While this may be pragmatic due to concerns about issuing a five-year contract without certainty of budgets beyond 2020, it is unacceptable there is no defined commitment for farmers and crofters to undertake biodiversity measures, water quality improvements, flooding mitigation, organic conversion, public access provision, and the like.

AECS is intended to promote land management practices which protect and enhance Scotland's natural heritage, improve water quality, manage

flood risk and mitigate and adapt to climate change, as well as improving public access and preserving historic sites. The funding available should enable farmers and crofters to play their key role in managing a significant majority of Scotland's environmental interests – including valued species and habitats.

It is vital that piloting in the 2021 to 2024 period fully develop a bottom-up approach to build payments around desired outcomes rather than out-dated calculations of income foregone or additional costs.

Prescriptive measures, compliance complexity and static payment calculations fail to foster participation or desired outcomes.

A major challenge is to ensure that there is no gap in support for agri-environment activity and that farmers and crofters have the confidence in future schemes to continue to come forward with applications.

Argyll and Bute dairy farmers urged to speak up

Dairy farmers in Argyll and Bute are being urged by a local politician to take part in a consultation on ending unfair practices in the sector.

The consultation is being led by the UK Government and is designed to create a fairer marketplace for producers.

Highlands and Islands MSP Donald Cameron said: 'We badly need a scheme which better supports our dairy farmers, and recognises the contribution they make to the rural economy.'

'Argyll and Bute retains a significant number of producers, especially in Kintyre and on Bute itself, and I am very keen that they should have the chance to influence the future of their industry by taking part in the consultation.'

'The need to address the unequal bargaining relationship with processors and retailers is urgent if we are to retain our dairy industry, a challenge which has been compounded by the failure of the SNP Government to introduce a dairy hardship fund during the pandemic, as has been done in England and Wales.'

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Supporting green innovation in farming

Projects to enable farmers, crofters, and land managers to create improved opportunities for nature, adapt to climate change and benefit from new organic farming materials will share £170,000 of investment.

Awarded through the Knowledge Transfer and Innovation Fund (KTIF), the new funding will drive forward innovation in farming and food production and help agricultural businesses contribute to the green economic recovery by farming more sustainably.

Announcing the funding, Rural Affairs Minister Mairi Gougeon said: 'It is important that we emerge from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic with a green economic recovery. Projects like these help farmers and crofters in rural

and island communities to explore new ways of protecting and restoring biodiversity, habitats and ecosystems. With this latest funding the KTIF has now invested around £6 million in projects that will help us to grow a sustainable, vibrant and innovative rural economy.'

Biodiversity Monitoring in Shetland, one of the projects to receive investment, will see land managers collect information about wading birds on their land and produce best-practice guidance for farmers.

Commenting on the project, RSPB Conservation in Shetland Advisor Nathalie Pion said: 'Waders depend on how farmers and crofters manage their land. Farmers' knowledge and skills are key to their protection.'

Colleen McCulloch of Soil



It is hoped the lapwing will thrive on Shetland.

Association Scotland, which is facilitating the Farming for Biodiversity project, said: 'Soil Association Scotland's Farming for Biodiversity project will allow us to develop a framework to benchmark the ways grazing

livestock can rebuild natural capital as well as produce nutritious food.'

Debs Roberts of the Scottish Organic Producers Association, which is facilitating a project examining the potential uses

of basic silicate rocks to capture CO₂, said: 'This exciting project is an excellent example of grassroots farming grasping the opportunity to work with cross-sector partners in the academic sector.'

The three projects awarded new funding are:

■ Biodiversity Monitoring in Shetland - Facilitated by Shetland Livestock Marketing Group (SLMG) - £47,320.

Land managers will have an opportunity to learn about the birds and what they need to successfully nest and raise chicks. Participants will collect data which will be used to measure the quality of fields for waders, and produce best-practice guidance to share management methods with the Shetland agricultural community.

■ Basic silicate rock by-product: a new agricultural input that captures CO₂ - facilitated by Scottish Organic Producers Association (SOPA) - £68,246.

Basic silicate rocks have recently gained product approval for use in organic farming as soil input. This project aims to collect data and encourage uptake.

■ Farming for Biodiversity - Facilitated by Soil Association (Scotland) - £57,744.

This project will focus on practices to increase biodiverse habitat within enclosed farmland, enabling farmers, crofters, and land managers to adapt to climate change, help restore biodiversity and ecosystem health, meet growing demand for nature and climate-friendly food and be a key driver for Scotland's green recovery.



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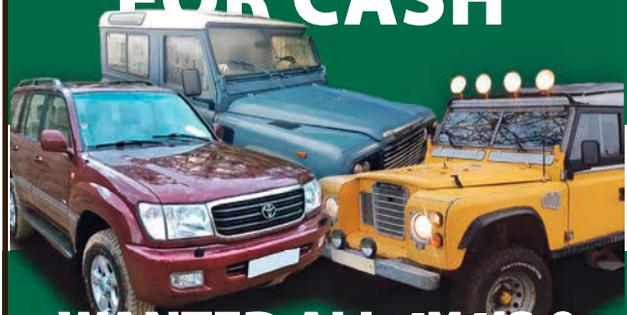
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In accordance with Scottish Government's current restrictions on public gatherings on account of Covid19, the event is scheduled to take place online on Wednesday 12th August between the hours of 4pm to 7pm. To access the consultation event please contact Tom Lewis in writing at Johnson Poole & Bloomer, 50 Speirs Wharf, Glasgow, G4 9TH or enquiries@jpbScotland.co.uk or by telephone 0141 3311456.

The online consultation event will be attended by the project's lead planning consultant and a representative of the applicant who will be available to answer questions and provide any additional information or clarification as required.

Any persons wishing to make comments to the prospective applicant prior to the formal submission of the planning application to the Argyll and Bute Council may do so by either:

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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

I recently came across a drawing which I thought was relevant in our present situation.

It is a picture of a trapeze swinging in mid-air and the words below say: 'You let go of one trapeze with the faith that the new trapeze is on its way. In the meantime there's nothing to hold onto.'

There is no sign of the trapeze artiste. Presumably he or she is suspended in mid-air waiting anxiously for the other trapeze.

The analogy of the trapeze and the church struck me. I imagined the trapeze artiste floating in mid-air, having let go of the security of one trapeze in the hope he or she would catch the next one.

The caption says: 'Life is between the trapeze bars.'

I thought the church could respond that 'faith is between the trapeze bars'.

The trapeze bars may symbolise the security of the past and the risk we take as we let go to 'catch' the future.

At present, when we seek new ways to worship, we are suspended in that mid-air gap between past and future.

The difference between the church and the trapeze artiste, however, is that we do have someone to hold onto as God is always with us. God has held us in the past, will hold us in the future and will also be with us in the gap.

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RES buoyed by interest in virtual 'meet the buyer' event

Argyll businesses flocked to a virtual 'meet the buyer' event organised by renewables company RES ahead of the construction of Blary Hill Wind Farm near Glenbarr.

RES staff said they were overwhelmed by the interest in the virtual event on July 16, leading to a spill-over day being organised.

Fifteen businesses spoke to RES about the services they could provide during the construction of the wind farm and the project website has received more than 200 unique page views since the beginning of July.

Local businesses offering services including cleaning, fencing, haulage, transport, security, accommodation and electrical support all shared their skills and experience during the event.

RES's construction project manager, procurement manager and main civil contractor spoke to local businesses on calls of up to 30 minutes. In addition to the Blary-specific information, the RES team provided general advice about working in the renewables industry and potential future opportunities at other projects.

RES is currently carrying out access work on the Barr Glen road in preparation for the removal of forestry from the site, which will help to support the production of key products, such as pallets, packaging, biomass fuel and face masks, and in the coming weeks RES expects to begin construction of the wind farm.

Iain MacCallum, construction project manager, said: 'Connecting with local businesses is key to a successful construction project and bringing money into the local economy. I knew about some of the skills and experience businesses have in the area, as we've already used them at Blary Hill, but it was great to connect with so many more during the virtual meet the buyer event last week.'

David Croft of Kintyre Cleaning Solutions,



A new sewer system is planned for Tarbert - the question is when.

A much-delayed £3.4 million project to upgrade Tarbert's sewer system remains in the sights of Scottish Water - though no new date has been set for it to begin.

The scheme was originally due to start in 2019 but was delayed until January 2020, later extended to March.

Just before the coronavirus lockdown in March, Scottish Water revealed it was looking for a new contractor for the project to install new larger diameter pipes along Barmore Road, Harbour Street and School Road in the village. The intention had been to avoid working during the busy summer period of festivals in Tarbert, but the pandemic forced the cancellation of these events. Concern has since been raised among some businesses that work might now begin just as visitors and trade returns after four months.

TARBERT

A Scottish Water spokesperson said: 'We are keen to begin our essential improvement work to tackle sewer flooding in Tarbert.'

'We cannot say for sure when work will begin on site, however, we are doing all we can to progress this important project.'

The largest diameter pipe to be installed will be four feet in diameter, to be installed on Harbour Street - something which concerns Tarbert retailer Ian MacIntyre.

Mr MacIntyre said: 'I am worried excavations for this will damage the foundations of the buildings along the harbour.'

The Scottish Water spokesperson responded: 'All work will be carried out in a safe manner and will not be detrimental to existing structures.'

said: 'As a new business that is actively looking for opportunities as we emerge from the current health and economic crisis, I was impressed by the time, information and support RES provided during the meet-the-buyer event.'

'It's clear RES wants to work with local businesses on this project and I thank the company for the opportunity it afforded myself and others to discuss the potential opportunities and our businesses.'

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BELL - At home, 26 Sound of Kintyre, Campbeltown, on July 1, 2020, Robert Bell, in his 54th year, dearly beloved husband of the late Linda Bell, much loved dad of Laura and Jennifer, loving grandad of Eilidh, Lewis, Ewan, Lana-Mai, Hallie, Sam, Connor, James, Isla, Lisa-Mary and Jacob. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

COX - Patricia Margaret Cox (née Jinks), aged 75 years of March, Cambs. Sadly passed away after a long illness on July 16, 2020 at her home with her family around her. Much loved mother of Sharon and Michelle, dear mother-in-law of Steve and Matthew, dearly loved granny of Gary, George and Michael, a dear sister of Sid, Joyce and Willie. A funeral service will be held at Mintlyn Crematorium, Kings Lynn on Monday, August 10 at 12.15 p.m. Donations if desired in Patricia's memory for 'The Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary' may be made at the service, online by visiting www.peterbarnesfunerals.co.uk or send to Peter Barnes, Independent Funeral Director, 38 Murrow Bank, Murrow, Wisbech, PE13 4HB. Tel: 01945 700200.

FOX - Peacefully at home on Saturday, July 25, 2020, surrounded by his loved ones, Christopher "Foxy" Fox. Much loved member of the Craignish community, he will be sorely missed by many. A private funeral service will be held at Kilvaree, Craignish on Friday, August 7. A larger memorial will be held at a future date.

MCGEACHY - Peacefully at Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on July 26, 2020, Duncan Alexander McGeachy, in his 83rd year, loving father of Kathleen, Diane, David, Linda and the late Amanda and Isabel, father-in-law of Keith, Doreen and Adam and a much loved brother and papa. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Duncan's funeral will take place on Friday, July 31. We will leave the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church at 1.00 p.m. The cortege will travel through Longrow South and Main Street on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Family, friends and neighbours are welcome to pay their last respects to Duncan on our journey. Please remember to observe social distancing.

PATERSON - The interment of Angus Paterson, 75, who died November 11, 2019 will be at Brackley Cemetery, Carradale Glen at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. This will be private in line with current government guidelines.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

KERR - Ishbel and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the messages, cards, flowers and support following the sad loss of John. To all who came out to pay their respects on John's last journey to Kilkerran. With special thanks to Dr Anderson, Campbeltown Community Nursing Team, Maggie Wilkieson Macmillan nurse and Jenny from Marie Curie, Rev Scott Burton for his comforting and personal service, John Brown for

his piping tribute and to Kenny and David for their caring and professional support.

MCSPORRAN - Lindsay and family of the late Duncan McSporrnan would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, letters and home baking received on their recent sad loss. To all staff at Campbeltown Hospital especially Dr Norrie and Dr Lazarus for their care over recent years. We are truly thankful to Kintyre Care Home for their love, care and compassion shown to Duncan over the last four months. We can never repay the kindness shown. Many thanks to all who turned out to pay their respects to Duncan. Special thanks to the Rev Steve Fulcher and Rev Anne McIvor for prayers and fitting and comforting service and to the Elders of the Highland Parish Church. We are grateful to Kenneth, Rhys and TA Blair Funeral Directors for their caring and professional support. Sadly missed - loved by the family.

OWEN - Maureen and family would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and flowers

following the sudden loss of Bob. Thank you to everybody who paid their respects both in person and by the roadside. Our appreciation is also due to all NHS staff who cared for Bob at home and away. Sincere thanks to Rev Scott Burton for a very fitting graveside service and to Rhys Blair and staff for their professionalism and care.

IN MEMORIAM

DICKSON - Precious memories of our darling daughter, sister, mummy and friend, Carole, who fell asleep on July 30, 2010. In life all we truly have are memories, We love them, kiss them and hug them, For all they are worth, To us those memories are life, of our lives together. - Love Mum, Dad and family xxxxxx

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GRADUATION



Ailsa MacMillan Smith

Ailsa MacMillan Smith from Drumalea Farm has been awarded her Diploma in Legal Practice with Distinction from Aberdeen University. This follows on from a 2:1 LLB from Glasgow University in 2019. She looks forward to joining Turcan Connell as a trainee solicitor in the Autumn.

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Memorial scramble a fitting tribute to club's David Irwin

Covid-19 has had a huge impact on life this year but some things never change at Machrihanish Golf Club.

In the club's biggest competition since the return of golf as an extension to daily exercise, the team of Stuart Campbell, Stephen Kelly, David Rankin and Darren Kelly strode to victory, retaining the David Irwin Memorial Scramble with a fabulous score of 12 under par 58, less their handicap 2.3, for a winning nett score of 55.7.

Playing in beautiful sunshine with a light breeze, the colourful quartet retained the title they won 12 months previously which was being played in memory of their great friend, David Irwin.

They fired eight birdies in the opening nine holes for an outward score of 27 and returned in 31, courtesy of another four birdies on the inward nine, to win by two shots from Donald Laing, Allan Cross, John McLean and Fergus Wallace, who scored nett 57.8, beating

Grant Grant, Marc Paterson, James Armour and Charlie Robertson on the better inward half.

At the prizegiving, club captain Willie Livingstone thanked the green staff for turning the course out in fine condition and club professional Jennie Dunn and starter Anthony Dunn for their hard work in the shop and doing the scoring. He also thanked vice captain Kevan Gilchrist for organising the competition and the prizes.

Prizes were presented by David Irwin's partner Sheena Robertson.

Captain Livingstone remembered David as a terrific golfer. A member at Machrihanish, Machrihanish Dunes and Dunaverty golf clubs, he truly loved the game of golf.

David is also fondly remembered as a hard-working and loyal member of the Machrihanish Golf Club greenkeeping team. The day served as a fitting tribute to a fine man.



Sheena Robertson, centre, with the winning team, from left: Stuart Campbell, David Rankin, Stephen Kelly and Darren Kelly.

Left: Runners up Donald Laing, Allan Cross and Fergus Wallace with Sheena Robertson. John McLean is missing from the photograph.

Sun shines as golfers compete for Dunaverty's SSAFA Quaich

There was beautiful weather, at last, for Dunaverty Golf Club's annual SSAFA Quaich, held on Tuesday July 21 in aid of the Armed Forces charity's work caring for families of service personnel.

Thirteen ladies played a Stableford format where points are scored at each hole based on the player's handicap.

With 36 points, Ailie MacBrayne was the leader after the morning session, however, despite the rain drenching the two evening players, Linda Arkell played great golf, carding five pars in her total of 39 points. Katie Cappello, after losing two off her handicap last weekend, was just one point behind Ailie.

Results: 1 Linda Arkell, 39 points; 2 Ailie MacBrayne, 36; 3 Katie Cappello, 35.

Fierce competition at Tarbert

The second round of the A MacNab Memorial took place at Tarbert Golf Club on Saturday July 18.

Lewis Preston emerged from the pack with 42 Stableford points to give him a total of 74 points. Second equal were Archie Black and David Ronald on 72. Other notable scores came from Malcolm

McAlpine with 40 points and Peter Cupples on 37.

This Saturday sees the Fishermen's Cup take place.

Last weekend, the Tarbert ladies competed for the July medal with Georgie Dickson taking first place with a nett 76. Helen Samborek was next with 78 and Sheena Ferguson was third on 84.





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