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# MOK Fest in historic bid to beam song into space

Mull of Kintyre to Major Tom – rendition of Bowie hit ready to go interstellar

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Campbeltown super-group Slainte Davaar Allstars are hoping their take on a classic David Bowie song will be heard by astronauts on the International Space Station (ISS).

Mull of Kintyre music festival (MOK Fest) is aiming to make history this weekend by beaming the unique Scottish rendition of Space Oddity to the station which sits in low Earth orbit.

The annual music festival has teamed up with Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC), currently in the running to become the UK's first spaceport, to record the unique set.

With the annual music festival moving online this year, organisers, keen to try some-

thing new and showcase the traditional and contemporary artists to a new virtual audience, came up with the idea of partnering with the base and its unconventional location for the exclusive gig.

As the MACC base continues to develop its plans for space-flight related activities, the set was performed on the former top-secret RAF base runway – nearly two miles long and one of the longest in Europe – for current Commander of the ISS Chris Cassidy and Cosmonauts Anatoly Ivanishin and Ivan Vagner, as they orbit the Earth at 17,000mph and pass the Mull of Kintyre.

The performance will be transmitted at 7pm tomorrow (Saturday August 15) through the MOK Fest Facebook page.

Event manager Iain Johnston of JIG Events said: 'Mull of Kintyre Music Festival has encouraged people to visit



Slainte Davaar Allstars recorded their set on the former top-secret RAF base runway at Machrihanish.

Kintyre from all parts of the globe since its inception 28 years ago and we were natu-

rally disappointed, like every other event organiser up and down the country, to have

to cancel this year. However, what better way to turn it into a positive than to take our music

interstellar! If successful, the spaceport will put the area on the global map and we hope the ISS astronauts enjoy their Scottish welcome just as much as we enjoyed making it. As far as stage backdrops go, I don't think you'll find anything more impressive than this.'

Plans for the Virtual MOK Fest, from August 19 to August 23, are firmed up and promise five nights of music including new recordings and footage from the past three years.

The virtual event's first broadcast will be the Virtual Beinn an Tuic Gaelic Concert on Wednesday August 19, featuring a newly-recorded set by Catherine Tinney especially for the event.

Many of the Gaelic Night favourites from the past four years have recorded new songs for the concerts which will also feature footage from past

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■ A black Samsung S6 mobile phone was stolen from a house on Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, sometime between 3.30pm and 4.15 pm on Wednesday August 5.

■ A man, aged 45, was charged with assaulting a woman about 7.15pm on Friday, August 7, in High Street, Bowmore, Islay. He was held for court and a report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

■ A man, aged 22, has been charged with riding a bike without lights. The cyclist, who had previously been warned, was charged at 10.50pm on Glebe Street, Campbeltown. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

■ About 3.10am on Sunday August 9, in Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, a man, aged 20, was charged with assaulting a woman. The man was held for court

and a report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

■ A pane of glass in a greenhouse at a house on the Laphroaig Distillery Road, Islay, was smashed sometime between noon on Wednesday July 29 and 7pm on Sunday August 2.

■ About 11.30pm on Saturday August 8, on Charlotte Street, Port Ellen, Islay, police stopped the driver of a grey Audi which was being driven in an anti-social manner and at excessive speed. The man, aged 33, was issued with an anti-social behaviour warning. If the driver or the vehicle is involved in a similar driving incident within the next 12 months, the vehicle will be seized by police and only returned to the owner on production of proof of ownership and payment of recovery/storage fees.

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# Reminder Argyll has prime film locations



Shot on Argyll's Mull of Kintyre, Stella McCartney launched a new collection using footage filmed in Kintyre in 2018.

Argyll and Bute Council is reminding people about the area's popularity as a prime filming location.

The move follows the government's announcement of a £500 million scheme to help kickstart film companies struggling as a result of Covid-19.

A number of high profile film and television productions have been filmed in Argyll and Bute in recent years, as well as documentaries, adverts and other productions. The area's stunning landscape also continues to attract fashion photo-shoots, with Urban Outfitters and Stella McCartney just two who have recently visited.

Argyll and Bute Council's Policy Lead for Economic Growth Councillor Alastair Redman said: 'We are fully committed to promoting Argyll and Bute as a desirable location for film crews from across the world. With so

much diverse, natural beauty around us, it is no wonder more and more companies are choosing to come here.

'We have a dedicated website, [www.filminargyll.co.uk](http://www.filminargyll.co.uk), which provides information to anyone considering Argyll and Bute as a set location and we have an extensive online directory of photographs of potential film locations ranging from mansions, castles, beaches and spectacular vistas.

'We've also seen a huge rise in members of the public and community groups coming forward to register their property for filming, which is great. This enables us to offer an even wider range of unique locations for projects.

'Not only do these filming opportunities provide a welcome financial boost to the area, it also helps promote the area to a larger audience and lets people see how stunning Argyll and Bute is.'

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# Pupils, staff and families praised as schools return

As pupils and staff return to schools in Kintyre this week, Argyll and Bute Council's Policy Lead for Education has thanked staff for their unfaltering dedication to get plans in place for reopening and praised young people for their continued commitment to learning.

Councillor Yvonne McNeilly said: 'There's no denying the last few months have been a difficult time for everyone, let alone children and young people in our schools.

'Pupils have had to adapt to new ways of learning; staff have had to come up with new, imaginative ways of providing learning resources and parents and carers have had to step into new roles as teachers.

'What's truly amazed me throughout all this though is the way everyone has rallied around to help each other. This is something that's special and unique about Argyll and Bute - our school communities are like an extended family.

'We have already proved that,

despite challenges, we work well together to ensure the best outcomes for our children and young people. Let this continue and let us look back at this period in our education system where we conquered adversity. I wish everyone the very best for their return to school.'

Councillor McNeilly also responded to Monday's announcement by the Scottish Government that down-graded results will be revised to match schools' assessments.

'We want all our young people to have the chance to succeed. Getting results that match their hard work is the least pupils can expect, especially this year.

'Our young people, their families and teachers have had so much to deal with, given the scale of change brought about by Covid-19. They all deserve their efforts to be rewarded fairly.

'Our teachers know their pupils. Teachers' assessments match the work of our individ-

ual pupils. It's to be welcomed obviously that where necessary, grades will now be based on these informed, individual assessments.

'Heart-felt congratulations go again to our young people, their families and our school communities for resilience in the face of the additional burdens this year has brought. The success you are achieving together is well deserved.'

The SQA is expected to inform schools of the revised results by Friday August 21.

## Community Action Plan reminder

Campbeltown residents have shown great resilience and co-operation over the past few months to deal with the Covid-19 lockdown.

However, Covid is not the area's only problem. Loss of employment at the creamery and CS Wind has affected many in the community.

Campbeltown Community Council wants to hear your views on what you would like to see happen in the community, so please take the time to answer the questionnaire on the Campbeltown Community Council website.

The survey is anonymous and should be completed online before Friday August 21. Answer as many or as few questions as you wish.

Due to the Covid outbreak, the community council is not placing paper copies in the shops. However, if you wish a paper copy, contact Alan Baker on 01586 552302, Valerie Nimmo on 01586 551162 or visit Keeping it Local where Jason will download a copy for you.

Any completed paper copies should be returned to Keeping it Local.

## Mull of Kintyre to Major Tom - rendition of Bowie hit ready to go interstellar

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The Virtual Young Folk night on Thursday August 20 will be a great mix of new recorded and past footage of some of the best young musicians from Kintyre. Both these concerts will be broadcast on the MOK

Fest Facebook page from 7.30pm. Friday night, August 21 at 8pm is Ceilidh Night. The MOK Fest Virtual Kilkerran Ceilidh gets under way from 8pm with a performance from Ceolta from Northern Ireland and great sets and footage from Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, Ross Conner,

Glenfinnan Ceilidh Band and Grouse Ceilidh Band.

On Saturday August 22 at 8pm it's the MOK Fest Virtual Glen Scotia West Coast Rocks Concert with specially recorded sets from The Wee Toon Tellers, Claire Hastings and Rhuvaal at Davaar Island Lighthouse. The Virtual

Survivors Night on Sunday August 23 at 8pm has more than 10 specially recorded sets from Slainte Davaar Allstars, FLING, Twisted Melons, Iain McIntyre, None the Wiser, Adam Fortune, FLW, Charles Martin and Hope Strang.

This year's festival is part of a new marketing campaign to

raise awareness of the Kintyre 66 route which showcases the stunning peninsula. Due to launch in January 2021, the circular route will take in 66 miles on the A83 and B834, including Southend, Machrihanish, Campbeltown, East Kintyre, West Kintyre, Gigha and Tarbert.



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Former Scotland international full-back Ruaridh Jackson.



Richie Vernon.



Above: Andrew Easson.



Left: Ryan Grant.

# Rugby stars ditch boots for charity pedal power

A quartet of former Scotland international rugby players will be descending on Campbeltown next week for the start of an epic charity bike run.

Ruaridh Jackson, who earned 33 caps between 2010 and 2018, will join Richie Vernon, the first man to go to World Cups for Scotland as a forward then a back, Ryan Grant, the former Scotland prop and 2009 Lions tourist and Andrew Easson, the former Edinburgh and Scotland Sevens player, in cycling the Caledonia Way in aid

of Doddie Weir's My Name's Doddie Foundation and Unite Against Cancer.

With no cycling experience between them apart from the occasional spin on an indoor training cycle, the foursome aim to ride the 234 miles from Campbeltown to Inverness in 36 hours.

Ruaridh announced his retirement from rugby when the season shut down earlier this year and currently runs The Garden Shed Drinks Company with wife Kirsten and Ryan and Maxine Grant.

Having recently become a father, the 32-year-old former full back is relishing the prospect of another new challenge.

He told the Courier: 'Training has been going well but it is not without its challenges fitting it in and around work. Plus, I have a newborn so sleep deprivation has been another factor.'

'We are all excited about the route but nervous about some of the climbs that will have to be taken on, especially day one up to Oban.'

'The views will help on the

way but we will be excited to get to our final destination for a big feed and a couple beers at Highland Rugby Club.'

'We're doing this to raise money for two charities close to the team's hearts. The My Name's Doddie Foundation and Unite Against Cancer. If anyone can spare a few quid to sponsor us, it will make the pain and inevitable chaffing a little more bearable.'

At the time of writing, the quartet had already reached £4,330 of their original £5,000 target and are excited to see

how far it will go by the time they roll out of Campbeltown on Friday August 21. The Caledonia Way, also known as National Cycle Route 78, will take them from Kintyre to Inverness using the road and traffic-free forest trails and canal paths, stopping in Oban for the night before heading to Fort William, a section which includes two ferry rides.

Donate to Ruaridh, Ryan, Richie and Andrew's cycling challenge at their Cycling the Caledonia Way gofundme page.

## Residents urged to speak up on housing

Argyll and Bute residents are being asked what matters most to them when it comes to housing.

The council and its partners are preparing a new Local Housing Strategy which will set out priorities for action in the next five years - 2021 to 2026.

'We want to ensure the new strategy identifies issues and priorities across all types and tenures of housing and related services,' said a council spokesperson.

Councillor Robin Currie, Policy Lead for Housing, Roads and Infrastructure Services, said: 'I encourage as many people as possible to take part in the survey.'

Visit [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/have-your-say/consultation-diary](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/have-your-say/consultation-diary)

If you are unable to access the survey online, or would prefer to participate by telephone or be sent a postal survey, contact: [douglas.whyte@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:douglas.whyte@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or 01546 604785 or [allan.brandie@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:allan.brandie@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or 01369 708979.

The survey will run until Friday August 21.

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- Support outreach worker team
- Qualified counselling team
- Volunteer befriending team

The Outreach/Support Team are maintaining regular contact with carers via telephone. Our team is providing a listening ear during this challenging time and we have been fortunate to receive additional funding to support carers and those they care for with creative solutions to help with their mental and emotional health while in isolation.

Please visit our website - [www.dochasfund.org.uk](http://www.dochasfund.org.uk) and Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/dochascntre](http://www.facebook.com/dochascntre) which will be updated regularly with information and advice.

We are available 10-4pm Monday to Friday. Contact number for the centre 01546 600 022. Email - [enquiries@dochasfund.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@dochasfund.org.uk)

### Contact numbers for the outreach/support team

Mid Argyll: 07464 308 418

Kintyre: 0753 503 6953

Islay/Jura: 0791 201 5393

### The Volunteer Befriending Team

Our volunteer befriending service called Circle of Friends is continuing to run. Volunteers are maintaining contact with the individuals they are befriending by telephone. Our Co-ordinator, Ryan Taylor, continues to support this service. We are looking for more Telephone Befriending Volunteers. We would love to hear from you if you wish to help, please contact us on 0793 203 9801.

### Dochas Counselling Team

The dedicated Counselling Team are currently offering online and telephone counselling to unpaid carers and their families, those who have been bereaved or those living with a long term or terminal condition.

During the Covid-19 crisis, the Team have also set up a telephone support service for anyone feeling anxious or struggling during lockdown.

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



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We are providing our child and adolescent counselling services via skype, phone etc., and still open for referrals for any young person feeling isolated or in need of support Our Young Carers are still being supported by our team across MAKI and again referrals are still being taken.

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

Online support is also available on [www.cool2talk.org](http://www.cool2talk.org).

Contact 07788900049 or [fiona@mayds.org.uk](mailto:fiona@mayds.org.uk) [lynn@mayds.org.uk](mailto:lynn@mayds.org.uk)

# Renewed call for permanent solution to A83 landslides

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Argyll and Bute councillors have joined forces with the area's MSPs to demand a permanent solution to years of landslides on the A83 trunk road.

Council leader Aileen Morton, depute leader Gary Mulvaney, SNP group leader

Sandy Taylor and Argyll First Group leader Dougie Philand have signed an open letter to First Minister Nicola Sturgeon and Transport Secretary Michael Matheson calling for urgent action to improve the main trunk route between Argyll and central Scotland.

Also putting their signatures to the letter – which calls for a permanent solution to be in

place by the end of 2023 – are MSPs Jackie Baillie, Michael Russell and Donald Cameron.

The letter was sparked by a major landslide on the road at Glen Croe, south-east of the Rest and Be Thankful, on the evening of Tuesday August 4 following heavy rain.

A diversion via the 'Old Military Road' on the opposite site of Glen Croe was opened to traffic on Saturday August 8, with vehicles travelling under convoy, but was closed again on Monday night because heavy rain was forecast.

Shadow Finance Secretary Donald Cameron said: 'We need a firm commitment including a timeline and dates by which actions will be taken.'

'Ministers need to understand our communities must have confidence that their interests are being taken seriously. Enough is enough for the people of Argyll and Bute.'

The Scottish Government

said almost £80 million had been spent dealing with years of landslides in the area, and trying to make the road more resilient, since 2007.

A Transport Scotland spokesperson said: 'We understand the frustration this latest incident will bring for communities and drivers.'

'Our operating company, BEAR Scotland, is working to assess, clear then reopen the road as quickly as possible, but can only operate when it is safe to do so. To date, more than £13million has been invested in landslide measures at the Rest and Be Thankful and the Old Military Road, which have helped keep the road open for an estimated 48 days when it would otherwise have closed.'

'This is part of the £79m invested in the wider maintenance and resilience of the A83 since 2007.'

'Four roadside catchpits have been completed, with a



The Old Military Road.

total capacity of almost 15,000 tonnes, and we are exploring options for further catchpits with more work due to start next month. We appreciate this will be scant consolation to those affected at this time and recognise a permanent solution is key, albeit challeng-

ing, both from an engineering and financial perspective in the current climate.'

The next taskforce meeting is being brought forward and will take place on August 27.

Read the full letter signed by councillors and MSPs on page six.



Shadow Finance Secretary Donald Cameron MSP.

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## Deserved praise for staff and pupils

What a joy it was this week to see children of all ages return to the classroom following a four-and-a-half month break.

This has been a tough few months for children and young people. Some may not have been too upset when the schools first closed, but months without seeing many of their friends will have been hard. And as the months have gone on, the lack of routine and structure might have made things harder.

Covid-19 has not gone away, however, and young people will no doubt be experiencing a range of emotions as they continue on their educational journey.

Argyll and Bute Council's Policy Lead for Education Yvonne McNeilly has, quite rightly, praised schools staff this week – see story on page three – for all the hard work they have put into ensuring the phased return goes as smoothly as possible and that all Covid guidelines are being followed.

Councillor McNeilly also welcomed the Scottish Government's announcement that all down-graded exam results will be revised to match school assessments.

This has been a time of unprecedented change for everyone and the government's admission 'they got it wrong' and its ensuing effort to put it right has to be recognised.

Many congratulations to all pupils who got the marks they deserved and worked so hard for.

What remains important throughout the next few months, as we hopefully push this virus further away, is that we continue to support each other with the same resolution and kindness as we have during lockdown.

## Call for urgent action on A83

Open letter sent by email to Nicola Sturgeon MSP, First Minister and Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Islands and Connectivity

Dear Nicola and Michael,

The issue that never fails to unite politicians at all levels of government and of all party persuasions is the need to ensure Argyll and Bute stays connected and open for business through a permanent, robust solution for the A83 Rest and Be Thankful – a solution that works.

Last week's landslide continues to close the Rest and the Old Military Road, which itself was out of action for a period, will be shut again tonight (August 10) at 9pm due to weather conditions. This continuing impact is why all of Argyll and Bute's elected representatives have been united in pressing, once again, for urgent action.

Our local Members of the Scottish Parliament, Michael Russell, Jackie Baillie and Donald Cameron, have been swift to engage with us and to add their own voices to these calls. They join us in writing to you to reinforce that request for action on behalf of the people of Argyll and Bute.

We are asking you to convene an urgent special meeting of the A83 Taskforce – on a virtual basis if needs be – as soon as possible to focus specifically on outline options for a permanent solution and for that meeting to consider and agree the following timescale for the same:

- Nature of permanent solution to be identified and confirmed by March 31, 2021
- Contract to construct permanent solution to be awarded by December 31, 2021
- Work to start as soon as possible thereafter with completion by December 31, 2023, at the latest.

We know this requires a tremendous effort from everyone involved, including Transport Scotland which would have to start work on this immediately for it to succeed.

Argyll and Bute Council will do all it can in this to co-operate and to encourage all other partners, from all sectors, to do likewise. We believe if the will is there, on all counts, to deliver a permanent solution, this can be achieved – because the risk of failing to do so is far too



great and there is evidence of innovative, viable solutions of similar scale being established in other regions with similar geography and rurality.

The threats to Argyll and Bute's economic success and to the contribution it makes to the national economy are well-known, as are the various personal impacts on those who live and work in our communities and who find their business, social and health-related activities disrupted without warning when landslips close the Rest.

Our biggest concern now, though, given the scale of last week's incident, is continued public safety. It is a miracle no one has been seriously injured or killed to date. We simply cannot afford to wait any longer – the risks are too great.

We stand ready to do anything we can to ensure Argyll and Bute and its communities finally get the solution they deserve for the Rest and Be Thankful.

**Aileen Morton, Argyll and Bute Council Leader; Gary Mulvaney, Depute Leader; Sandy Taylor, SNP Group Leader; Dougie Philand, Argyll First Group Leader; Michael Russell, MSP; Jackie Baillie MSP and Donald Cameron MSP.**

## A refreshing change

How refreshing to read the letter from Councillor John Armour in last week's Courier, August 7.

I am sure I speak for many in thanking John for this contribution and to echo his appreciation for everyone who is working so hard in this on-going pandemic. This is not a time for political point scoring, but for working together

to overcome a situation that threatens us all. Thank you John for your words.

**Reverend Steve Fulcher, Church of Scotland South Kintyre Team Ministry.**

## Act now for pet charities

There is an impending pet crisis in this country as the coronavirus pandemic threatens animal welfare charities and pet owners.

Pet charity Blue Cross is calling on the government to act quickly before it is too late.

Blue Cross has seen how distressing the pandemic has been for many pet owners and have carried out research showing how irresponsible breeders have been taking advantage of the situation.

Prices for puppies being sold online have rocketed – with popular breeds such as French bulldogs rising more than 40 per cent to an average of £2,500 – and more and more sick and underage puppies are being smuggled, farmed or illegally sold.

Sadly, many end up needing veterinary care or they die.

The research also found 13 per cent of pet owners have said they, or someone in their household, started to claim universal credit since the crisis began so charity services, like Blue Cross hospitals and rehoming centres, have never been needed more.

There are also concerns many smaller rescue centres will be forced to close because of lack of funds as a result of the virus, which will put more pressure on remaining rescue groups to step in for these animals.

Animal charities need help during this crisis as more pets are expected to need care.

The government needs to act to help pets and the people who love and rely on them.

Readers can support us and pet charities in preventing a further crisis by not buying from untrustworthy online adverts and support our call for government action by writing to their MP.

The Blue Cross full report and range of recommendations can be read at <https://www.bluecross.org.uk/petsandcovid>

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## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Jonathon McCreadie from Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire, took this shot of Davaar while he and his partner were visiting family in Campbledown at the end of July. Mr McCreadie and his family made the crossing to the beautiful tidal island on a rare sunny July day and navigated the ferocious winds and huge rocks to arrive at the cave and look in awe at the painting of the crucifixion. If you have a photograph you would like to share, email it to [editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk](mailto:editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk) or send it via the Courier's Facebook page.

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Can go into shops, indoor markets and pharmacies  
Take a face covering unless you are exempt



Going shopping

### Stay safe by...

- Avoiding queues by choosing quieter times
- Reducing the number of trips with one big shop
- Putting on your face covering before wiping down the handles of your trolley or basket
- Using self-scan or self-checkout, so it's just you touching the items
- Considering using contactless payment
- Washing your hands or using a hand sanitiser as soon as you can afterwards

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Eating and drinking

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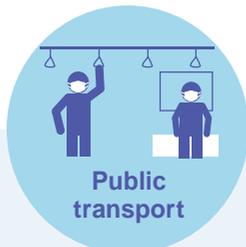


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- Avoiding queues by booking in advance if you can
- Choosing times that are more likely to be quiet
- Avoiding going into 1 metre zones
- Avoiding touching hard surfaces and using a hand sanitiser if you do
- Choosing businesses with enhanced hygiene measures

Can use public transport including taxis  
Take a face covering unless you are exempt



Public transport

### Stay safe by...

- Booking tickets in advance if you can
- Choosing times that are more likely to be quiet
- Putting on your face covering before you get on
- Avoiding touching hard surfaces and using a hand sanitiser if you touch rails or handles
- Sitting near an open window if you can
- Washing your hands or using a hand sanitiser as soon as you get off

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General hygiene

### Stay safe by...

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- Washing or disposing of your face covering after using
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- Avoiding anyone with symptoms

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# FROM OUR FILES

## TEN YEARS AGO

**Friday August 3, 2010**

### Base buy-out plans halted

Plans for the community of Campbeltown to buy Machrihanish Airbase have been halted.

On Wednesday, the Scottish Government informed Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) – the group behind the buy-out – that the group's interest was rejected due to problems with the ballot. The group is now consulting its lawyers.

In May, more than 97 per cent of the community voted in favour of MACC submitting a business plan to the Scottish Government.

The Ministry of Defence has offered the base to the group at a price of £1.

MACC hope the buy-out will give them the opportunity to develop the site over time to create jobs.

## TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

**Friday August 18, 1995**

### Ferry postponed

Argyll and the Islands Enterprise (AIE) say it is unlikely the proposed ferry link between Campbeltown and Northern Ireland will start next year.

An AIE spokesman said a number of matters, not least a lack of progress in preparing Ballycastle Harbour in Northern Ireland for the

service, meant the ferry was unlikely to start running next spring. But he added it was hoped the £7 million project would go ahead in 1997.

### Secret mission

RAF Machrihanish was the venue for a top secret mission.

But the mysterious goings-on in one of the hangers recently were nothing to do with military secrets.

Car makers Ford were doing a photo-shoot of the new Fiesta which is due to be launched on the market soon.

### Royal tonic

A Campbeltown woman had an unexpected tonic when she visited Lorn and Islands District General Hospital in Oban – a chat with the Queen.

Mrs Elizabeth Thomson, of Hazelbank Court, was at the hospital last Tuesday for an appointment. When she arrived, doctors told her she had been chosen to meet Her Majesty.

'I was chuffed to bits,' she said. It was a lovely surprise.'

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

**Friday August 13, 1970**

### Giant stride in pool fund effort

The Swimming Pool Fund Committee has made its first great stride to raising £15,000.

A massive crowd assembled on Wednesday evening in a nine-acre field at Drumalea Farm

for the much-publicised barbecue. An estimated 2,700 people, including 1,500 ticket holders, travelled to the field above the Westport shore. The music and dancing began at 8pm and continued to 3am on Thursday morning.

The list of food consumed read like an army store: 400 steaks, 100 chickens, two sheep, about 1,000 hot-dogs, 800 hamburgers, 30lbs of bacon, 300 rolls, several fresh salmon and a box of kip-pers. Innumerable sandwiches, tea, soup, soft drinks and alcoholic drinks were also on sale.

The Lang Brothers, the Mitchell Family and William McMurchy's band with Roger Gillespie entertained with traditional sounds.

A pop group from the US Navy ship Canopus, based at Dunoon, generated excitement with their 'heavy' brand of music. The five-man band was brought from Dunoon by Commander James Bradfield of the US Navy base at Machrihanish. Two members of the band returned to Dunoon immediately after the last of their three stints on stage. But the others remained and stayed overnight at the Machrihanish base.

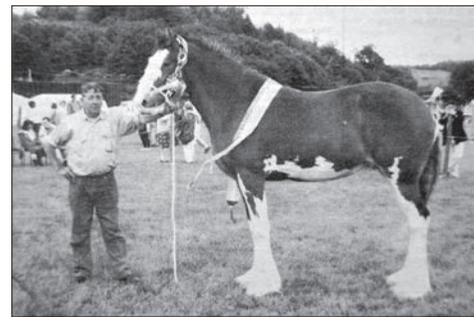
Ceannloch Pipe Band made a favourable impression on the crowds, especially the US Navy sailors from the fleet-tanker USS Marius which was in Campbeltown that evening.

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

**Friday May 14, 1920**

### Scotch whisky exports

Considerable quantities of Scotch whisky have been exported from Glasgow to America lately – a curious comment on the 'dryness' of that country. This refers to genuine Scotch. But it is said that beyond this there is a great exportation of American distilled spirits of an unwholesome character, which has been touched up here to



**Champion of champions at the Mid Argyll Show 1995 – Lady Margaret, a two-year-old Clydesdale filly entered by Mr Malcolm McFadyen, Whinhill, Campbeltown. Lady Margaret was reserve champion at Campbeltown to stable mate Lady Rebecca. Our photograph shows the filly with groom Danny Martin.**

some extent with our native malt and then, with a Scottish label on it, goes back to the US.

■■■  
The great 'Mary Pickford' film production of 'Daddy Longlegs' is to appear in Campbeltown Picture House during the week commencing August 23. Founded on the story by Jean Webster, which for humour, pathos and sentiment is one of the outstanding books of the time, this film production will constitute one of the chief events of the year.

■■■  
Campbeltown merchants hold their annual holiday on Wednesday first and an excursion to Rothesay has been arranged by the steamer Davaar. This will be the first pleasure trip from Campbeltown since the outbreak of war in August 1914. The last excursion, also to Rothesay, was run by the Davaar on Victoria Day June 1914.

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### Kintyre Agricultural Society secretary John Armour looks back on some of the highlights of Kintyre Show since its inception in 1854.

As we have had to cancel this year's Kintyre Show, I thought it might be interesting to look back on the history of the formation and development of the society and show over the years.

Kintyre Show as we know it today was first held in 1855 at Lochend in the town.

There had been previous agricultural societies. The one formed in 1842 by the Duke of Argyll was confined to tenants on the Duke's estate in Kintyre.

A few years later, a rival society was formed for farmers outwith the Duke's tenants.

In 1854, it was agreed they would all come together and form Kintyre Agricultural Society as we know it today.

The early shows were held at Lochend, The Quarry and on various farms until establishing itself on the showfield where the houses of Castle Park, Smith Drive and Castleacres are now.

When a large house building scheme was started in the 1920s and the showfield was required for houses, the town council offered sites on upper and lower Kintyre park. This continued until 1966 when work on the new grammar school started and the show moved to the current field at

Anderston Park, which had been bought by the society in 1961, in 1967.

It is interesting to note from Courier reports from the Jubilee Show in 1904 that the Ayrshire championship was won by William Young, Glencaigs; the Clydesdale championship by John Smith, Largiebeg, and the sheep championship by J M Hall, Killean & Tangy.

There were 240 horse entries that year but perhaps with a thought of what was to come, John Huie and company had on view a petrol engine and the opinion expressed was that it would carry out all it claimed to do.

Over the years, the society has been served by 17 secretaries: Peter Watson, John McIsaac, Thomas Brown, J L Pearson, James Lothian, J Hamilton, Duncan Hamilton, G Erskine Inglis, William Hunter, Robert Stevenson, Peter John Campbell, James Wallace, Robert R Mungall, John McLatchie, Jean Hobbs, Sandy McPherson and John Armour. There have been three acting secretaries who served while the appointment of a new secretary was finalised. They were Duncan Sinclair, John Scott and Trefor Davies.

Right: August 1, 1974, the first 'August Show'. This is the only known year that the show took place on a Thursday. Photographed are: President John Smith; Vice Presidents Duncan Johnston and Richard Semple; Secretary John R McLatchie and Director Bobby Galbraith with the Duke and Duchess of Argyll.



June 1, 1962 and Duncan Smith, Barrmains, receives the Tom Douglas Cup for Champion Ayrshire from Mrs Mathieson, wife of Argyll County council convenor J G Mathieson. Looking on are President James G Millar, Kilkivan, and Junior Vice President John McCorkindale, Macharich.

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# TEST & PROTECT

# Join the dots on Artmap

Fans of creativity are being invited to follow the red dots on the trail of this year's Argyll Artmap, writes Kathie Griffiths.

Now in its 13th year, there are 30 artists and locations open to visitors over two weekends later this month.

The dates are Friday August 21 to Monday August 24, then the following weekend, both from 10am to 5pm, although visitors are advised to ring ahead to check openings for the last two days.

Because of Covid, each space will have its own guidance in place from one-way systems to limits on numbers and visitors are asked to respect those rules to help keep everyone safe.

For the first time, the Artmap includes an artist on Tiree this year with others on the trail from as far north as Glencoe to Kilberry in the south.

Numbered red dots are used to guide visitors to the artists' studios, including some gardens and Kilmartin Museum giving the region's creatives a chance to showcase their work. There is no pressure to buy

but the opportunity is available along with the joy of meeting the artist and seeing how the work is made. In many of the studios, visitors will also be able to have a go at some of the techniques.

Among those on the trail are Rory Gibson at Glenfeanoch, near Kimelford, who, when all the jobs are done on the farm, can be found painting in his studio.

He says he can turn out several paintings a day when he is concentrating on his art. From



**Kat Robertson's mobile art hut will be camped in Ardfern in fellow artist Lizzie Rose's garden during the Argyll Artmap weekends.**

1973 until 1993, he ran his own picture framing business and fine art gallery in Oban.

It is only in the past few years he has spent more time at the easel creating land and seascapes, still life and portraits.

Experienced weaver Louise Oppenheimer is in Kilmartin Glassary, opening up her workshop to callers. She has been exhibiting as part of Artmap since it started in 2007.

'I'm in it for the long haul. Having visitors is as useful to me as I am to them. It's great to have fresh eyes look at my work. In this world, where speed is of the essence, the slowing down and mindfulness of weaving has lots going for it. If all the world was weaving it'd be a much happier place. I can't emphasise that enough,' she said.

Kat Robertson will be found in her mobile Gaia-hut in fellow artist Lizzie Rose's beautiful garden in the middle of Ardfern. For spiritually driven Kat, it is all about the process of creating art as a form of healing rather than the



**Louise Oppenheimer has supported Argyll Artmap since it began 13 years ago.**



**Leonie Charlton and Lucy Gray are collaborating on a project for this year's Argyll Artmap.**

finished beautiful paintings themselves. Inspired by nature, this will be Kat's second year on the trail.

Nils Aksnes in Tayvallich makes images using a basic type of pinhole box camera while Melanie Chimielewska in Castleton, Lochgilphead, expresses her love of wild swimming and creatures of the ocean in stone carvings.

Oban's Rockfield Centre and Airds Bay's Lucy Gray are also

on the map. Lucy is showing selected works from a collaborative project with writer Leone Charlton for the first time. 'Watershed is a conversation between sculpture and poetry inspired by landscape. We explore the exciting edges where the disciplines meet,' she said.

The artmap exhibition will be launched with an online live stream on Friday August 21.

'Open studios gives people

a rare opportunity to handle some of the sculptures which are designed to be held. Visitors to this venue will also get an opportunity to see the photographic work of Ewan Munro,' added Lucy.

At Dalmally Railway Station, textile artist Liz Gaffney-Waite has her own dye gardens and native sheep for the wool she works with.

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# If walls could talk...

Strachur Smiddy is set to open its doors again tomorrow, August 1 after an uncertain few months due to Covid-19.

The museum will only be open on Saturdays and Sundays, until Sunday September 27, but for now families can again enjoy stepping back in time in the 18th-century blacksmith's smiddy, which has been carefully repaired and restored to its original state and now acts as a working museum with with forge, bellows and anvil, cobbled floor, tools of the trade and beamed ceiling.

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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## Union urges those receiving loan scheme letters to 'opt in' to payment offer

Scottish farmers and crofters have started to receive loan scheme offer letters from Scottish Government and NFU Scotland is urging recipients to 'opt in'.

The 2020 National Basic Payment Support Scheme (NPBS) offers recipients the opportunity to receive up to 95 per cent of their Basic Payment Scheme and Greening payments in advance.

Around 17,300 businesses are expected to receive a loan offer and around 16,000 letters are in the first round. Those looking to accept the offer and receive payment without delay are asked to respond by September 4 and, as with previous loan schemes, the opt-in acceptance is simple and can be completed by email or by post. All payments will be made in sterling.

NFU Scotland President Andrew McCornick said: "The announcement that the vast majority of Scotland's farmers and crofters can access up to 95 per cent of their BPS and Greening payments from September this year will add

certainty and stability across Scottish agriculture and the wider rural community at a time of great change.

"Previous loan schemes have provided an invaluable boost to the rural economy each autumn, stimulating investment in farms and crofts across the country. This year, as we recover from Covid-19, the scheme will also provide much-needed cash flow ahead of an unknown winter that will undoubtedly be dominated by Brexit.

"The ability for Scottish Government to bring forward this loan scheme several weeks earlier than previous loan schemes is also testament to the commitment and hard work undertaken by farmers and crofters, Scottish Government officials and SGRPID staff in sticking to the May 15 SAF application deadline, despite the unprecedented circumstances this year.

"I would urge all to opt into this year's scheme and to do so by email where possible to ensure payments are processed and made as soon as possible."

# Young crofters gather to share and inspire

Scottish Crofting Federation (SCF) are holding a free virtual gathering for Young Crofters, on Tuesday August 18, five years on from a successful residential event held at Glencanisp Lodge, Lochinver.

Four sessions, using Zoom, will cover a range of topics and offer a variety of formats. Participants can join for the whole day, running from 10am to 4pm, or individual sessions.

Contributors include some of those who attended five years ago as aspiring crofters, with one commenting that 'the gathering that I went to five years ago was so influential it would be great to contribute something to this one!'

Session one will give a snapshot of what crofting in 2020 means to a range of young people through film shorts and presentations followed by a chance to ask questions of those who have shared their stories. Contributors include Carianne, crofter in North Uist, as well as, Sweeny, Air An Lot, based in Lewis and winner of the SCF Young Crofter of the Year award 2018, and Jacob and Kate small



holders growing and selling vegetables in Glenelg, Lochalsh.

Session two will focus on Crofting during Covid, with an interactive activity followed by open discussion with SCF Director Jonathan Hedges, hoping to capture the challenges and positives as well as looking to the future.

Session three will explore 'Adding Value' with an introduction to the Scottish Crofting Produce mark and

Croft Holidays. Beth Rose from Birchwood Croft will share her experience of SCP and Quality Meat Scotland. In the final session 'Crofting Policy - What's the plan?', participants will have the opportunity to direct questions to a panel of policy and decision makers including: Siobhan Macdonald, Senior Consultant SAC; Bill Dundas, SGRPID, Claudia Rowse, Head of Natural Resource Management at SNH, Gordon

Jackson from the Scottish Government Crofting Policy team and Rod Mackenzie, Crofting Commission Convener. The day will end with the opening of nominations for the SCF Young Crofter Awards 2020.

SCF vice chairman Donald MacKinnon said: "This is set to be a fantastic event with a wide variety of interesting speakers. Hopefully this will be the first of many."

## NFU Scotland is continuing to push for change to address fuel filter blocking problems

Last autumn and winter, hundreds of Scottish farmers and crofters were left frustrated when fuel filters on tractors and other machinery were choking, many within minutes of being replaced.

Action taken by NFU Scotland, led by Transport Advisor Jamie Smart led to the creation of a BSI industry taskforce looking into fuel issues, including biofuel inclusion.

With harvest now in full swing and autumn approach-

ing, Jamie Smart, right, has used the Union's blog to update members on progress on the taskforce and, more importantly, provide some very useful bullet points on how farmers and crofters can take steps to avoid a similar level of disruption in the months ahead.

Jamie writes: 'In addition, a sampling and testing protocol is near completion. This means that in the event of any issues this coming winter, we

can be ready to gather further evidence of what is causing filter blocking problems, and where exactly the fuel is coming from. NFU Scotland and NFU will continue to put pressure on this Taskforce to ensure the standards UK fuel industry set will protect us from fuel which is not fit for purpose.'

To read the full blog, visit [www.nfus.org.uk/news/blog/transport-advisors-fuel-filter-update-10-august-2020](http://www.nfus.org.uk/news/blog/transport-advisors-fuel-filter-update-10-august-2020)







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**United Auctions, Oban, Tuesday August 11:** sold 5532 (+1157) Lambs & Sheep of all classes. 5056 Lambs averaged £63.86 (+£5.01). Although there was a good selection of quality bred lambs presented to a large ringside of buyers, lambs in general lacked condition, this may be due to the wet July month the stock has had to endure, thus resulting in a scarcity of killing lambs normally presented at this sale.

Lambs - SuffX - £75.50, Balnagown Croft; £74.50, Frackersaig; £74.00, Assapol; £73.50, Mid Farm; £73.50, Achnacree Beag; £73.00, Ardsheal; £73.00, Strongorm; £72.00, Glengorm; £70.50, Strongorm. TexX - £76.50, Torbhlaren; £75.00, Balnagown; £75.00, 58 Tangasdale; £75.00, Balligarve; £74.50, Saulmore; £74.50, Strongorm; £73.00, 3 Baligrundle; £72.50, 2 Baligrundle; £72.00,



Bailuacraich; £72.00, Park Farm; £72.00, Achnacree Beag; £72.00, Couston Farm; £71.50, Ardlarach; £71.50, Balnagown; £70.50, Caolis, Coll; £70.50, 2 Baligrundle; £70.50, Dalvore; £70.00, Poltalloch; £70.00, Ardachy; £70.00, Barbreck.

Chev - £72.00, Caddleton Farms; £68.00, 85 Borve; £67.00, Strontoiler; £64.50, 67 Tangasdale; £64.50, Caddleton Farms. Cross - £69.00, Caddleton Farms; £65.00, 85 Borve. Mule - £73.00, Fiart; £69.50, Glenamachrie;

£68.00, Saulmore. BF - £47.50, Achuaran. Ewes - SuffX - £66.00, Strongorm. TexX - £75.00, Strontoiler. ChevX - £81.00, Caolis, Coll. **Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd, August 7:** sold 9,164 store

lamb at an average of £69.14 (up £10.21 on the year). Beltex (1,355) averaged £69.59 and sold to £94 gross from Simpsons Croft, Scotsburn. Texel (2,648) averaged £69.65 and sold to £90 gross from The Rowans, Brora. Suffolk (3,741) averaged £69.78 and sold to £88 gross from Bluebell Cottage, Fleuchary. Mule (323) averaged £68.14 and sold to £72.50 gross from Milton Farm, Aberarder. Bleu Du Maine (38) averaged £73.71 and sold to £84 gross from Rhifail Farms. Cheviot (550) averaged £64.24 and sold to £74 gross from 1 Drummie Farm, Golspie. Charollais (68) averaged £67.21 and sold to £68.50 gross from Guidebest, Latheron. Cheviot Mule (172) averaged £71.97 and sold to £77 gross from Dunearn Farm, Nairn. Other breeds (269) averaged £62.25 and sold to £82 gross from Comar, Beaully.

**Other leading prices per head:**  
Lambs: TexX - Wester Craiglands, Fortrose, £89, £86.50, The Rowans, £87.50, Park Farm, Strathpeffer, £86.50, Bluebell Cottage, £86; BeltX - Craigroy Cottage, Dallas, £88, £85, Ballicherry Farm, Balblair, £87, £86.50, Wester Craiglands, £85.50, Simpsons Croft, £85; BDM - Rhifail Farms, £76; SuffX - Lower Gartally, Drumnadrochit, £86.50, Wester Craiglands, £86, Bruaich Mills Farm, Kiltarlity, £85.50, 67 Balvraid, Dornoch, £84; CharX - Dunlichity Farm, Farr, £67.50; Chev - Heatherlea Croft, Ardgay, £72, Auchmore Farm, Muir of Ord, £70, 1224 West Langwell, Rogart, £70; Mule - Abersky, Dores, £70, Milton Farm, £70; Cheviot Mule - Auchmore Farm, Muir of Ord, £75.50, Wester Craiglands, £71.50, Auchmore Farm, £70.50.

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- A full catering service for member and non-member functions including: competition days, team matches, visiting golf parties, club functions, weddings, theme nights and funerals;
- A flexible and proactive approach to the club's catering requirements.

#### The ideal candidate(s) should

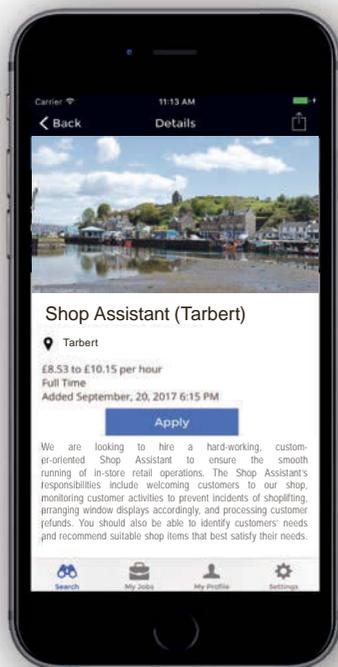
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with Marilyn Shedden

As I write this, children are preparing to go back to school.

In none of their lifetimes have they been off school for so long. It is approaching four and a half months since they last sat in class together.

I have been so impressed by the way they have coped with this strange infringement on their lives.

The children have been diligent at keeping the rules in so many ways. They have not gone out to play, they have not gone near their newly-installed playpark. They have kept the rules.

One young lad told me he wasn't going as fast on his bike as usual in case he was in an accident which would mean diverting much-needed care from people suffering from Covid.

How responsible these young people have been and how they could teach those who flaunt the regulations a thing or two.

And now they prepare to go back to school. Their parents have done a grand job on home schooling, but it is not the same as having the experts on the case and the fun of interaction with their peers.

I know the teachers are looking forward to resuming contact with the children and I think it will be a great reunion. There will be much to talk about, much to share, much to nurture and maybe much comforting to be done.

So as our children and young people go back to learning and living, may they be blessed. May those who teach them and love them, nourish them and care for them, be blessed.

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# Medals mark charity challenge success

**CAMPBELTOWN**

Everyone who completed David Brown's 5K challenge at the end of July in aid of the Mairi Semple Cancer Fund has been presented with a medal.

The Campbeltown dad has challenged himself to run or walk 5k, or complete 25 minutes of exercise every day of 2020, to stay fit and raise money for a different charity every month.

David chose the Mairi Semple Fund for July and to mark his achievements charity organisers ran a competition to design a medal.

The overall winner of the 'Design a Medal for David' competition was Ailie Renton who, at

the prizegiving donated £85 from a toy sale to the fund. The runners-up were Abi Eilson from Aberdeen, who is staying with her grandparents in the area, and Cara and Lucy Mcfadzean from Campbeltown. Among those taking part in July were Mairi Semple Cancer Fund Committee members took part, with the youngest participant Finlay Blair, age 7, who cycled or ran every day. Fund treasurer Margaret Sinclair ran at least 5k every day. David and his son Ross

received their medals from competition winner Ailie Renton. David and Ross ran or spin biked 5k every day of July.

Competition organiser Fiona Macalister said: 'It has been great to see families, mothers and babies in prams, runners and all ages take part in this challenge. It has reached Glasgow, Aberdeen and Cumbernauld that we know of.

'When you see folk writing on social media that it has been a great incentive to get them and their young families out, that makes it all worthwhile.'

This month's challenge is for the food bank.



David receives his medal from competition winner Ailie Renton.



Design a Medal for David competition winners.

## Work to improve ferry services will continue, says councillor

Councillor Alastair Redman has pledged to continue to work alongside relevant parties to improve local ferry services.

After taking part in community council video link meetings during the pandemic, the Kintyre and Islands representative has been talking to constituents via phone, email and social media with the ferry service a particular concern

from Islay, Jura, Colonsay and Gigha residents. 'While there was always challenges before with our transport links, they have been exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic,' he said. 'Hard-working crews and port staff are delivering a lifeline service to our islands. However, without substantial investment and skilled management, the network will continue to struggle.'

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## MARRIAGE

**SHARKEY - MCGEACHY** - Mr and Mrs James McGeachy and Mr and Mrs Michael Sharkey have the pleasure in announcing the marriage of their children Rachel Dawnne and Dominic Francis on August 1, 2020 at St Kieran's Church, Campbeltown.

## DEATHS

**BROWN** - Peacefully at home, 4 Killean Place, George Street, Campbeltown, on August 11, 2020, Duncan MacInnes Brown, in his 96th year, dearly beloved husband of Margaret McDonald, much loved dad of Dorothy and Marjorie, loving grandpa of Katrina, Keith, Alan and Gail and great-granda and pappy to Abigail, Niamh, Duncan, Olivia, Cohen, Lewis and Leon. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Duncan's funeral will take place on Friday, August 14. The cortege will leave the home address at 12.00 noon travelling from George Street, along The Esplanade and past the Cross 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.

**LITSTER** - Peacefully with his family by his side at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on August 5, 2020, Danny Litster of Springhill, Kilmichael Glassary, by Lochgilphead. Former Proprietor of Danny's Ironmongers, Lochgilphead. Beloved husband of Moira Barclay, dear loved and adored Dad of Yvonne and Vivienne. Proud Grandad of Jamie. Much respected father-in-law of Adrian and George. A dear brother, brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the extended family. A good neighbour, respected work associate and a very dear friend to many. A private family funeral service was held at Ach-na-breac Cemetery, on Wednesday, August 12, 2020. Will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

**MCNEILL** - Peacefully at home, Craigmount, Tarbert, on August 5, 2020, after a long illness bravely borne, John, dearly beloved husband of Fay and dear father of Douglas and the late Karen, much

loved father-in-law of Bunty. Retired 2nd engineer MV Claymore CalMac. In accordance with present restrictions funeral private.

**STEWART** - Peacefully at home with her family by her side, on August 4, 2020, Ishbel Mary Stewart, née Allan, aged 87 years, of 2 Linnet Cottages, Ardrishaig. Beloved wife of Sanders and much loved mother of Alan and Lesley. Much respected mother-in-law of Fiona and James. Dearly loved gran to John, Harris, Matti and Fergus. A private funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium on August 11, 2020.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**GAULD** - Margaret and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards and phone calls received following the recent sad loss of John. Special thanks to Nan and her staff at Ardfenaig Residential Home, Ardrishaig for the care and support given to John and the family at such a difficult time. Also to the carers from Carr Gomm who looked after John at home. Grateful thanks to the Rev Margaret Millar for a personal and comforting service, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient arrangements and to Richard at Kilmartin Hotel for catering. Thanks also to those who paid their respects, lining the route through Lochgilphead and Dalavich village and at the cemetery as John made his final journey home. The amount of £575 was raised for Ardfenaig Comfort Fund.

**MCGILP** - The family of the late Jean McGilp of Lochgilphead would like to express their gratitude to all who made her last hours so comfortable; and her final journey so dignified. Our special thanks go to paramedic crews; staff at Mid Argyll Community Hospital Accident & Emergency Department and Glenaray Ward for truly outstanding care; Roddy, Fiona and Cameron of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for professional arrangements delivered with a very personal touch; and Christine and staff at Cairnbaan Hotel for such kind attentiveness. And thank you to the hundreds of people who sent flowers, cards and messages; and

## WEDDING



**Lauren Inglis and Donald Macdonald** were married on Saturday, August 1, 2020 in Contin Parish Church by Reverend James Bissett. Postponed since April, it was a wonderful day celebrated with close family. Lauren is the younger daughter of Christine, Tarbert and John, Leith. Donald is the son of Lorna and Calum Macdonald, Contin.

who paid their respects at the roadside. Your kindness and compassion helped us through a difficult time, and will be remembered always. Sybil, David and families.

**OGILVIE** - Allan and the family of the late Anne Ogilvie wish to thank everyone for their support, cards and flowers. Thanks to all the staff at Campbeltown Hospital and the Macmillan nursing team for their wonderful care in the past few weeks, and also to the staff at the Beatson Hospital, Glasgow, and at Clydeville Medical Practice, Renfrew. Special thanks to Anne's sister-in-law, Rev Catriona Ogilvie, for a beautiful service in our garden and at the graveside. Also to T.A. Blair Funeral Directors for their professional and compassionate care throughout, and to the Ardshiel hotel for their assistance. Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all of Anne's many friends and work colleagues who lined the route to say their own goodbye to 'oor wee Annie'.

**SINCLAIR** - Duncan, Elizabeth and family would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, support and kind words following the sad loss of Fiona. Thank you to all the carers and the NHS staff who enabled and supported the care of Fiona at home. Thank you to Rev David Carruthers and to Donald MacDonald and his team for their care and compassion at this difficult time.

## IN MEMORIAM

**BLACK** - Treasured memories of Gilbert, a dearly loved husband, father and papa, passed away August 15, 2017. Remembered with a song in our hearts.

- Love from Jean and family.

**LIDDELL** - In loving memory of our dear dad, Robert, died August 9, 2004.

Years may pass and fade away  
But silent thoughts and memories stay  
Missed more than words can say  
Loved and remembered every day.

- Evelyn and Hamish, Elaine and Brian, Robert and Lesley, Grant and Stephanie.

**MCGOUGAN** - Cherished memories of my husband and our dad Meiky, left us August 14, 2016.

Always loved, never forgotten and forever missed.

- Elma and family.

**MCKENZIE** - Alexander. Remembering Sandy with love on the anniversary of his death on August 11, 2005.

Always in our thoughts.  
- Jane, Becky, Christine and Katie xxx

**MORRISON** - In loving memory of my dear fiancé Murdo, who died August 13, 2009.

There will never be a day I don't think of you and wish you were here by my side.

- Annie xx

## CHURCH NOTICES

### SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



*The church is made up of people, not buildings*

**Our building is open for Sunday services.**

You would be welcome this **Sunday, 16th August at 11am** when

John Ives from Southend will be leading the service.

**MASKS** are now required in churches, in line with current Scottish Government Covid 19 guidelines.

[www.springbankchurch.org.uk](http://www.springbankchurch.org.uk)

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Contact phone number 01586 551237 - Church Secretary  
SC014646

### ST KIERAN RC CHURCH

St. John Street, Campbeltown  
01586 552160

Rev Tony Wood  
[stkieransrc.org](http://stkieransrc.org)

**Public Mass will be celebrated on Wednesdays and Sundays at 10am.**

Anyone wanting to attend a public Mass should register with Fr. Tony by telephone or email.

01586 552160 [campbeltown@rcdai.org.uk](mailto:campbeltown@rcdai.org.uk)  
Please give: Name, address, telephone no., and number from the household wishing to attend, and the date of the Mass.

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**Sunday morning Worship**  
10.00 am Highland Church Campbeltown SC002493

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11.30 am Southend Church SC005484

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Ministers  
Revd Steve Fulcher  
Revd Chris Fulcher  
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### SALVATION ARMY



**Sunday 16th August Worship service**

If we can be of any assistance to anyone during this time please call us on 01586 552046

Major Ruth Russell  
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### CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH

George Street, Campbeltown



**Sunday 16th August**  
Rev Rodger Crooks will record the service and it will be available

on our website (see below) and on YouTube.

**Sunday 23rd August**  
We will meet again in the church building for worship at 11am.

Rev Rodger Crooks  
01586 554589  
[www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk](http://www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk)  
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

### CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



**We invite you to join us for our weekly online service available from 10:30 each Sunday morning,**

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Pastor Mark Jasper  
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[www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk](http://www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk)  
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### ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

**Sunday 16th August 2020**

"How did you fare?"  
(Ruth 3:16)

There will be a Service in Achahoish at 11:00am (observing Government Covid Guidelines)

Meantime, there will be no Service in Ardrishaig  
Reflections will continue to be available at the gates of the churches

### SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**in Mid-Argyll & Arran**

Christ Church, Lochgilphead  
Sunday 11am  
Holy Eucharist  
SCO 13787

Fr Simon Mackenzie  
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Mass remains suspended at All Saints, Inveraray for the time being.

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### GLASSARY, KILMARTIN AND FORD PARISH CHURCH

Barr Mhor, Kilmartin  
**Sunday 16th August 2020**

Service at 10am  
Led by Rev Robert MacLeod

A very warm welcome awaits  
Please wear face covering

# George clinches eighth title after dramatic final round

Brilliant sunshine greeted Machrihanish golfers competing the final of their 2020 championship last weekend.

Thirty-two qualifiers from rounds one and two took to the famous links on Sunday to see who would become the 2020 Gents Champion.

Dean Ratcliff held a slender lead at the start of the round on 221 for the tournament. He had no fewer than six players within 10 shots of the lead, including George MacMillan - club champion on seven previous occasions. A battle royale between the two began.

With only a one shot lead going up the last, the pressure was really put on Ratcliff when his opponent sent a decent pitch into the heart of the green leaving himself with a 20 foot putt for birdie. To MacMillan's delight the ball hit the hole and dropped into the cup.

It was a moment of magic from the multiple champion, his last opportunity and he

had grabbed it with both hands. Eight ladies took to the Pans Course to contest their championship in which Lorna Ralston held the lead going into the third round ahead of Catherine Dobbie.

On Sunday, Ralston enjoyed a steady round to take home the title for the first time. Elizabeth Casey had the best back nine of the day with 40 shots to clinch the runner-up spot and Anne Gallacher finished in third place.

Ralston's triumph brought to an end Gallacher's amazing reign as lady champion which has spanned 14 consecutive years. The latter did win the Silver Category handicap championship though.

Juniors were also displaying their skills on Sunday in the three categories of competition.

In the junior section played over the championship course, promising 15-year-old Murdo McLean triumphed with



Championship Week Trophy winners line up at a sunny Machrihanish. Photograph: Kenny Craig.

rounds of 90 and 85 for a total of 175. Fraser MacBrayne was runner-up with 84 and 93 for a total of 177.

The junior section for players under 12 on the nine hole Pans course was won by Jake MacMillan with 90 shots over 18 holes. Jake went on to support his father to victory as his

caddy on the big course. The other MacMillan, eight-year-old Craig, made it a hat-trick of wins for the family, winning the Juvenile Championship by defeating young Millar MacKay by four shots over two rounds of nine holes.

The senior championship, contested over the first two

rounds of the Gents competition, was won by Gordon Tyre.

The Jim Scally Handicap trophy for the best handicap score in the first two rounds was won by Gavin MacLachlan with nett scores of 67+69 for a total of 136.

The Bob Ballantyne Shield for best handicap scores in

rounds three and four was won by Michael Morrison 72 + 74 for a total of 146.

To round off a wonderful day of competition, captain Livingstone thanked the greens staff for the fantastic work they carried out to ensure both courses were presented in the best possible condition for the championships.

Club professional Jennie Dunn and her brother Anthony put in a power of work to ensure the competitions ran smoothly and Adele Martin, club secretary, ensured vouchers were all ready for the winners.

## Around the greens: Kintyre golfers enjoy sizzling weekend

### Dunaverty

Sixteen ladies contested the Centenary Trophy on Saturday with nett and gross scores counting as the second of three rounds for the Club Championship.

Early players came home with some great scores. Lindsay Garrett scored a 65, closely followed by Mary Wilson on 66, however, the lunchtime tee off suited Nichola Kidd as

she returned with a fantastic 64. The Club Championship is going to be a tight last round as just five shots separate the three leaders. Lindsay Garrett and Nichola Kidd carded gross 76 each. 1 Lindsay Garrett 76 BIH; 2 Nichola Kidd 76; 3 Ailie MacBrayne 77.

Dunaverty's Tapoc Cup had a great turnout of members on a perfect golfing day with light winds and warm sunshine.

This was played as a stableford and with six players on 40 points or better it was a fairly close contest. Jimmy Williamson was one of three recording 40 points but Ross Sinclair and Willie Ralston each racked up 41 points.

The day belonged to Bobby Dalziel, however, who covered the outward and inward nines in 35 each for a scratch score of 70 - a superb 45 points

which earned him the cup. 1 Bobby Dalziel, 40 points; 2 Ross Sinclair 41 BIH; 3 Willie Ralston 41; 4 Ken MacMillan 40 BIH; 5 Steven Garrett 40 BIH; 6 Jimmy Williamson 40.

### Tarbert

Tarbert ladies met at Glenralloch last Saturday for the Columba Pairs.

By their own admission scoring wasn't great but the chat was good and Frances

Hardie and Rona Young were the winners.

The gents competed for the August Medal. Iain Johnstone junior edged out his dad on the better inward half after shooting 64 nett. Lewis Preston took third place, also on 64, but with the poorer inward half. This Saturday, the gents compete for the James Johnson Cup before the Club Championship the following two weekends.





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