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Argyll representatives unite to demand action from CS Wind

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Four Kintyre councillors have joined forces with Unite the Union and Argyll and Bute's MP and MSP to issue an open letter to the South Korean owners of CS Wind urging them to seek orders for the plant or let others take over the operation.

The document has been signed by South Kintyre councillors Donald Kelly, John Armour and Rory Colville; Kintyre and the Islands councillor Anne Horn; Michael Russell MSP; Brendan O'Hara MP; Pat Rafferty, regional secretary, and Charlie McDonald, regional officer, Unite the Union; and Kenny Cunningham and David McCallum, senior shop stewards, CS Wind, in the hope of securing employment and a place in the renewables industry for the Macrihanish-based wind turbine company.

The letter has been copied to Scottish Government Energy Minister Paul Wheelhouse,

Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Argyll and Bute Council.

MSP Michael Russell and Unite the Union regional officer Charlie McDonald said: 'We are keen to see a vibrant, successful renewable industry in Scotland and CS Wind has the opportunity to be a vital part of that, providing

'CS Wind said it was actively looking for orders – now is the time to show us that it has these orders and, if not, why'

high quality employment in Kintyre.

'But the company must be active in seeking work and, if it has decided not to participate, it must also be honest about that and allow a different structure to emerge which will ensure the skilled work force can contribute to local and national success.'

The letter was sparked following a spate of redundancies at CS Wind last year and its failure in securing contracts for the Scottish factory despite it being the only one in the country.

The signatories further note that, although the company stated gaining new work was a key aim, they had been informed by developers that CS Wind had not been willing to bid for many suitable contracts.

The letter states: 'We are sure you are aware of the potential that exists for a company that is, as CS Wind has been as a result of the skills and effort of those who have worked there, efficient and productive.'

'It is likely demand for new on-shore and off-shore turbines will, given projections of applications for energy consent already submitted, due, scoped, being scoped or in preliminary talks, be for at least 1,500 towers.'

'We believe your company would be strongly positioned

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Colourful crops to benefit charity



The eye-catching flowers at Glenraigs Farm are not only adding a welcome splash of colour to the countryside but they are also raising money for a Kintyre charity.

Throughout August, people are welcome to walk around the the wildflower meadow and fields of poppies and sunflowers from

8am to 8pm. In return, visitors are asked to make a small donation which will be gifted to Shopper-Aide.

Parking is available at the farm, which is just north of Campbeltown, and dogs are welcome as long as they are on a lead.

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Equipment stolen

Police are investigating after a Makita twin battery charger and two batteries were stolen from Kilmichael Farm, just north of Campbeltown, between Friday July 31 and Tuesday August 4.

Vehicle damaged

Police are appealing for witnesses after a black Vauxhall Corsa car was damaged when its front bumper was struck by another vehicle which failed to stop and report the collision. The incident took place in the Campbeltown area between 9am on Monday August 10 and 7pm on Wednesday August 12.

Obstructing police

A 23-year-old man was charged after allegedly behaving in an abusive manner and obstructing police officers who were dealing with another matter at about 1.15am on Sunday August 9, in Main Street, Campbeltown.

Abusive behaviour

A 60-year-old man was arrested for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner at about 11.45am on Friday August 14, in Hall Street, Campbeltown. The man was charged with the offences and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Property damaged

At about 4.45pm on Saturday August 15, in Longrow, Campbeltown, a 47-year-old man allegedly forced entry to a flat and damaged property within. He was later traced and charged.

Theft by shoplifting

A 43-year-old man and a 34-year-old woman allegedly stole some alcohol from Campbeltown's Tesco store on Lochend Street at about 1.30pm on Sunday August 16. Police say both will be charged when traced and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Representatives united to demand CS Wind action

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to bid for a significant proportion of those units. We are also informed developers would like to place contracts with you and support a Scottish renewables manufacturing industry.

'However, if you maintain your current stance and either refuse to bid or claim that you are unable to do so, developers will have to seek towers elsewhere, outside Kintyre and Scotland. Meanwhile your company will continue to occupy a prime site in an unproductive way, preventing any other potential manufacturer from utilising the facility for which you have had substantial support from Scottish Government agencies and leaving a skilled workforce unemployed or forced to move from the area.'

The signatory group plans to hold a public meeting in Campbeltown when Covid-19 guidelines allow this to take place.

Councillor Kelly told the Courier: 'Since the inception

of the wind towers factory at Machrihanish we have seen a succession of companies come and go, building up the hopes and aspirations of the community time and time again, only to have the rug pulled from under us, creating a boom and bust economy for Kintyre.

CS WIND

'The only way to resolve this in the long-term is for the government to change policy and insist that if a company is granted planning permission to erect a wind farm in Scotland all the component parts of the towers have to be sourced in Scotland.'

'This would go a long way to laying the foundations for long-term sustainable employment for factories such as CS Wind.'

Councillor Armour added: 'I find it particularly galling to see the continuation of wind farms being constructed in

Kintyre but nothing being provided from the purpose-built factory right on our doorstep, from a first class workforce that did so much to get orders completed on time and even ahead of schedule.'

'The way the workforce was treated was appalling and, at the time redundancies were made, CS Wind said it was actively looking for orders – now is the time to show us that it has these orders and, if not, why?'

'If they are not able or willing to secure orders, I call on them to vacate the premises immediately and give another manufacturer the chance to take over to secure the orders that are out there.'

In a judgement issued by the Inner House of the Court of Session in Edinburgh on Wednesday, it was revealed that CS Wind has failed to overturn a court order preventing it from removing equipment from the Machrihanish site. For more on this, see next week's Courier.

'Complex repair work' ongoing at Rest and Be Thankful

Complex repair work at the A83 Rest and Be Thankful is continuing with teams beginning work on excavating a new culvert beneath the A83.

Work has been going on 24 hours a day to complete the programme of repairs after designs to safely restore the road and embankments were completed last week.

A major landslide on August 4 impacted the road and embankment above and below the carriageway with teams working through a series of engineering solutions to stabilise both to allow the route to safely reopen under traffic light control.

Eddie Ross, BEAR Scotland's North West representative, said: 'As ever, we thank the local community and all road users while we do everything we can to repair the A83 after the recent landslide.'

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Virtual MOK Fest blasts off following space broadcast

This year's unique Virtual Mull of Kintyre Music Festival (MOK Fest) officially blasted off this week following the successful broadcast of a specially recorded version of David Bowie's Space Oddity to the International Space Station (ISS) last Saturday.

A second track, Jo Cocker's version of With a Little Help From My Friends, was also transmitted and NASA has confirmed that the astronauts have received the tracks.

The broadcast, which went out at 7pm, certainly captured world interest with 169 national and regional media outlets covering the story over the weekend on their social media pages and hard copy editions. The viewing figures for the video when the Courier went to print were already almost 10,000, which festival organisers say exceeded all expectations.

This year's virtual festival – held in place of the regular fes-



The Slainte Davaar Allstars musicians' set, recorded at Machrihanish Airbase Community Company Business Park, was broadcast to the International Space Station last weekend.

tival which had to be cancelled because of the coronavirus pandemic – is now well under way with the Virtual Beinn an Tuirc Gaelic Night and Virtual Young Folk Night already having been broadcast on the festival's Facebook page.

The online event continues tonight, Friday, at 8pm with the Virtual Kilkerran Ceilidh Night and features specially recorded performances by Ceólta from Northern Ireland and local piper Ross Conner along-

side some great sets from past events from Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, Glenfinnan Ceilidh Band and Grouse Ceilidh Band. Kay Johnston will be the host for the night.

The Virtual Glen Scotia West Coast Rocks Concert on Saturday has a specially recorded set from The Wee Toon Tellers at MACC Base, Rhuvaa at Davaar Island Lighthouse, Ross Conner, Ross Couper, and Tom Oakes and Claire Hastings, who will

play at next year's Traditional Concert. There is also some great past footage from the Lorne MacDougall Band, Peatbog Faeries and Session A83. Alison M Leith will host this concert.

Sunday night is Virtual Survivors Night with more than 10 performances from Slainte Davaar Allstars, FLING, Twisted Melons, Iain McIntyre, None the Wiser, Adam Fortune, FLW, Charles Martin, Dave Fee and Hope Strang, all of which were specially recorded for the virtual festival. Alison M Leith will host this concert.

Event manager Iain Johnston of JIG Events said: 'We have been amazed by the coverage that we have had from national media outlets and hopefully this will help put out a good positive message from Kintyre after what has been such a difficult time.'

Watch the concerts on the MOK Fest Facebook page.

Festivals must wait to apply for funding

Organisers of major events and festivals in Argyll and Bute will have to wait until late October to apply for financial support from the council, councillors have decided.

A third round of applications to the authority's Strategic Events and Festivals Fund – with a total of £90,000 available – was due to be launched on August 20.

But councillors have agreed to push the launch date back until October 22, with a closing date for applications of December 7.

Members of Argyll and Bute Council's temporary business continuity committee (BCC) approved the date change when they met via video link on August 13.

In a report to the meeting, executive director Kirsty Flanagan said: 'It is hoped that by deferring the process that the position with regard to Covid-19 and the holding of events in 2020/21 and other key event grant schemes such as EventScotland, currently suspended, will be clearer.'

'Events are faced with an unprecedented set of extraordinary and challenging circumstances brought about as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and it is anticipated that the situation will continue to be challenging.'

'It is hoped that by pushing the launch date back until the end of October that this will allow the position for 2021/22 to be a bit clearer and to ensure that the process is fit for purpose at the time of the launch.'

In June the BCC agreed that grants already approved for events which have since had to be cancelled this year due to the pandemic could be carried over until 2021.



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Home working could see some council offices remain closed

Councillors have urged caution over plans by Argyll and Bute Council to encourage more remote working after the Covid-19 pandemic has eased.

A report which went to the council's business continuity committee revealed plans for working digitally by default, which would see offices not being reopened.

But members attending the meeting by Skype on Thursday August 13 queried whether that approach would work for the wellbeing of council staff.

The measure is one of a number of proposals listed as part of the council's budget planning for the 2021/22 financial year and beyond.

Cross-party

A review process is ongoing and it was agreed to set up a cross-party budget working group. The 2021/22 budget setting process is likely to begin in October, with the budget itself being set in February.

A report on the subject, by section 95 officer Kirsty Flanagan, said of 'digital by default': 'The Covid-19 pandemic has seen a move to home-working and remote/

virtual meetings which have worked well and council business has continued.

'The review will consider where there are opportunities to move more to digital, not re-open properties and save on travel costs in addition to office costs, including printing which has significantly reduced during the lockdown.'

Slight concern

Councillor Lorna Douglas said during the meeting: 'I have a slight concern as to whether this will save us any money, in that many companies are looking to do more blended work.'

'Defaulting to digital is costing them a lot to set up. I wondered if that was being looked at, as it could cost quite a lot.'

Ms Flanagan answered: 'We will pick this up as part of the review. When we were putting together the cost template for Covid, there is a reduction in staff travel as more are working from home and engaging with virtual meetings.'

'We have demonstrated in the last few months that we have the technology there to carry out business digitally. We believe there is a good amount of savings to get.'

Councillor Robin Currie



Kirsty Flanagan.

said: 'There may be a reduction for the council as an employer, but I would probably say that there is an increase in costs to employees by working from home.'

'This is particularly in the months to come, during winter, regarding heating and electricity costs. These and other additional costs all have to be weighed up, as does the wellbeing of employees.'

'We have to consider whether working alone is good for our staff. There are a lot of

things to think about.'

Ms Flanagan answered: 'We had a lengthy discussion on home-working, and interestingly Jane Fowler (head of improvement and HR) has reported through various groups that there was a reduction in absence levels.'

'This is assumed to be to do with home-working. These are all things to be taken into consideration.'

Flexibility

Councillor Gary Mulvaney said: 'The key going forward will be flexibility. I appreciate there are issues but equally there are benefits.'

'As an employer, we need to look at how it works for everybody. The model has changed from before Covid-19, perhaps irrevocably.'

Ms Fowler then said: 'I concur absolutely with Councillor Mulvaney. We have done some work with trade unions in getting feedback from employees about working from home.'

'It suits some, but not others, so we have to look at it on a case-by-case basis, looking at delivering the best services we can and engaging with staff as best we can.'

Councillor steps forward for Russell's MSP seat

A current Glasgow city councillor has announced she is seeking to become the MSP representing Argyll and Bute in Holyrood.

Rhiannon Spear, originally from Bute, is hoping to be selected to the seat vacated by veteran SNP politician Michael Russell.

Mr Russell, aged 67, plans to step down ahead of next May's elections to the Scottish Parliament after 22 years.

The party plans an all-woman shortlist as part of moves to improve gender balance.

Ms Spear, aged 29, went to school on Bute and is the National Women's Convenor for the SNP. She moved to Glasgow in 2008 to study law at university.

She said: 'It's definitely my home constituency and obviously growing up there, going to school there and having all of my family still living on the island, I truly understand the area, the challenges it faces and the massive opportunities and potential that it holds from the people who live there and the talent the region holds.'

'It would be the honour of my life to represent the area. I'm one of those people who moved away to go to university and to have the opportunity to move home and represent Bute would be a dream for me.'

Ms Spear has been a SNP member since the age of 20 – long before the referendum



Rhiannon Spear.

– and was a founding member of Generation Yes in 2012, the party's largest grassroots movement that Scotland had ever seen, she said.

She described Mr Russell as an 'incredible representative for the area'.

She was elected to the council in 2017 for the Greater Pollok area and also made the Glasgow list for MSP in 2016.

She also chairs Glasgow's Social Enterprise Board and the TIE Campaign – Time for Inclusive Education.

The Scottish volunteer charity aims to combat homophobia, biphobia and transphobia in schools with LGBT-inclusive education.

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NHS Highland appoints a new chief executive

'We have many challenges ahead as we remobilise our services and put into practise what we learned from our response to the Covid pandemic.'

NHS Highland announced on Tuesday that its interim deputy chief executive will take on the role of chief executive.

Pam Dudek, who joined the NHS Highland board on secondment from NHS Grampian in April, will officially begin her new role as chief executive on October 5.

Professor Boyd Robertson, chairman of NHS Highland, said: 'Pam was chosen from a strong field of experienced executive leaders from across the UK and beyond.'

'During her secondment, she strengthened the executive leadership team, made a substantial contribution to the board's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and co-produced its Remobilisation Plan with colleagues from across NHS Highland and Argyll and

Bute Health and Social Care Partnership.

'I am confident that Pam's considerable leadership experience of partnership working across health, care and the third sector will not only enable NHS Highland to deliver our strategic objectives but to keep building a culture of collaboration and inclusion.'

'I look forward to working closely with Pam in her new role and, on behalf of the board, congratulate her on her appointment.'

Mrs Dudek began her career as a nurse cadet in 1982 and completed her training as a psychiatric nurse within NHS Tayside in 1987. After a variety of nursing and leadership roles in substance misuse and mental health services across a number of boards, she moved to NHS Grampian in 2009



Pam Dudek.

to lead an improvement programme on the management of long-term conditions across the board area.

In 2012, she took up the role of deputy general manager and subsequently head of healthcare for Aberdeenshire Community Health Partnership, before moving to her most recent role of chief officer for the Moray Integrated

Joint Board in October 2014.

In the latter role, she led on the setup of the new model of Health and Social Care integration and had oversight of Primary Care Services across Grampian and Dr Gray's Hospital.

Mrs Dudek said: 'I am thrilled to be joining NHS Highland at this particular time. We have many challenges ahead

as we remobilise our services and put into practise what we learned from our response to the Covid pandemic.'

'I am particularly delighted to be working with colleagues right across Highland and Argyll and Bute, as we renew our focus on how we work differently together to provide better, more accessible care and services to our communities and to help people look after their own health and wellbeing.'

The appointment has been approved by Health Secretary, Jeane Freeman, who said: 'Mrs Dudek has been appointed to continue to improve NHS Highland's performance on service and delivery, while enabling a culture where every member of staff feels valued.'

'She has a track record of working in partnership across the health and care system which is very relevant to collaborative and inclusive leadership across the board.'

Health brief for Cameron in Tory reshuffle

Highlands and Islands MSP Donald Cameron has been handed the health portfolio in the new shadow cabinet.

It follows a reshuffle across the opposition ranks by new Scottish Conservative leader Douglas Ross.

Mr Cameron said he was 'humbled and proud'.

'It is a very great honour to have been entrusted with this position, particularly at such a critical time as the NHS and our communities continue to grapple with the Covid-19 pandemic.'

'Our NHS staff have done such an amazing job since the onset of the emergency and it is humbling to be the chief opposition spokesman in the Scottish Parliament, doing my best to represent them and their patients, and ensure that the vital issues affecting the health service are scrutinised in a proper and responsible manner.'

'As we move towards the Scottish Parliament elections, I look forward to ensuring that our manifesto proposes an even more effective and responsive health service for the future.'

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A wasted asset

It is a shame that as wind farms continue to be built here in Kintyre, our very own purpose-built wind tower factory reaps no benefit.

Wind farms are undoubtedly contentious, with people often strongly for or against local developments – many argue that Kintyre has more than its fair share of wind farms already – but, whatever your opinion, if they are to be built, could it not be a stipulation that locally sourced towers are used?

To have the wind farms feature in our landscape but benefit very little from their construction despite the UK's only facility for manufacturing wind towers lying unused on our doorstep is a kick in the teeth.

MOK Fest goes galactic

It is amazing to see our very own Mull of Kintyre Music Festival rocket onto the world stage after a specially recorded version of David Bowie's Space Oddity was broadcast to the International Space Station.

People from around the world have featured in the Courier's coverage of previous festivals but now, with the festival's recent world-wide publicity, perhaps more and more foreign visitors will be welcomed at future events.

For now, while coronavirus restrictions are in place, let's sit back and enjoy the virtual festival atmosphere from the comfort of our homes this weekend.

Childhood memories of Duncan Brown

My pleasure on seeing the short article in your edition of July 31 reporting on the book of memories published by Duncan Brown – which I immediately resolved to purchase on my next trip 'home' – stands in sharp contrast to my sadness on reading in last week's edition of his passing.

How many decades have elapsed since a trip to his toy shop was the highlight of this small boy's week, whether to buy the latest Subbuteo accessories – including the footballs to replace those inadvertently crushed underfoot in a fit of temper at one of my brothers scoring a controversial last-minute goal – or to marvel at the shelves of boxed games and toys?

I seem to recall a shop in Longrow the size of a warehouse but suspect that my memory is playing tricks. I do recall the Christmas Eve trips with my father to pick up wrapped parcels which we hoped would contain the things we'd asked Santa for...they usually did.

As time passes, the happy memories of childhood become ever more important and Mr Brown's shop is among my happiest.

My condolences to his family, who should be proud that this lovely man will be so fondly remembered by generations of Campbeltown children. May he rest in peace.

Iain McSparran QC, Edinburgh.

The need for dental treatment

My wife has had to tolerate missing fillings since the beginning of lockdown. She was recommended DIY fillings as an alternative which have proved totally useless.

On Monday we were told dentists are able to restart treatment under NHS guidelines. Having contacted the Campbeltown dentist practice we are told they are still not treating patients who need treatment despite the NHS guidelines.

It is amazing you can go to a pub or eat out with the UK Government paying towards your meal but you can't obtain treatment for tooth problems. Where is the sense in this and when

are dentists going to do the right thing and treat their patients who require not only urgent treatment but need fillings replaced so that they are no longer in total discomfort?

It is a hygiene problem and my wife is in a vulnerable group age-wise.

Keith Abendroth, Campbeltown.

PM back from the dead?

Prime Minister Boris Johnson is keen on saying he would rather die than allow certain things to happen.

In September 2019 he would 'rather be dead in a ditch' than agree to extend Brexit beyond October 31, before then having to go cap in hand to Brussels to request a delay until January 31 2020.

Most recently he noted that there would be a trade border between Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK 'over his dead body'.

Bizarrely, that was after Cabinet Officer Minister Michael Gove announced funding of £355 million to ease trade over what was, according to the PM, a border that doesn't and won't exist.

It appears that Mr Johnson has surpassed Lazarus, not just rising once, but twice from the dead.

Alex Orr, Edinburgh.

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Diabetes UK.

Arrochar and Tarbet open

Following the latest landslide and road closure at the A83 Rest and Be Thankful, once again the road closure signs were placed at the wrong place on the Arrochar side.

Having spoken to several of the local business owners, the main issue around the signs are they are too far away from the incident. There are information signs from Balloch to Tarbet advising of the closure at the Rest.

Surely moving the signs to Ardgartan would make more sense.

Should anyone have to turn then there is ample space to do this.

We cannot continue to render two villages effectively closed in case someone has failed to read the signs or cannot turn.

Transport Scotland and BEAR Scotland must guarantee that the signs will not be put back in the same place when further disruption occurs, and it will.

Jane Ireland, Slanj restaurant, Tarbet.

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This photograph, which shows the rocky shoreline at Tangy beach, was taken by Marjorie Cunningham during the recent good weather. Marjorie, from Campbeltown, told the Courier that she regularly visits the beaches around Kintyre and takes lots of photographs while she is out and about.

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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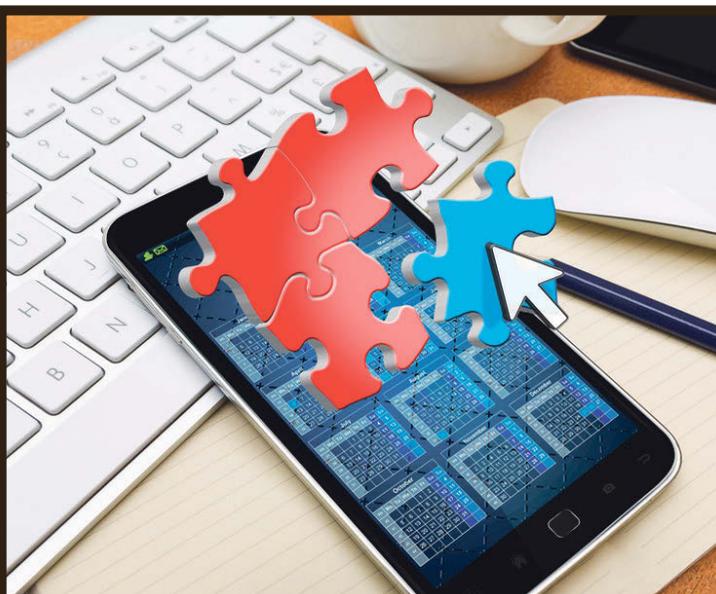
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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday August 20, 2010

Jura passenger ferry kept afloat

The Jura passenger ferry service has been kept afloat after emergency funding was found at the 11th hour to allow the completion of the three-year pilot scheme.

The award-winning Tayvallich to Craighouse project looked to have been sunk after financial constraints on the main funder, Argyll and Bute Council, left its position in jeopardy at a time when the ferry operator Jura Development Trust posted record passenger numbers.

Islay-based Argyll and Bute councillor Robin Currie led the battle cry at the full council meeting on Thursday and put forward an emergency motion that the council give the £10,000 required to see out the remainder of the three-year pilot.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Rory Colville, however, Provost William Petrie revealed a solution had already been found.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise has guaranteed to put up £5,000, the community of Jura has put up £1,700 and Argyll and Bute Council will meet the rest of the balance through the Rural Development Transport Fund.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday August 25, 1995

Disappointment over Irish ferry delay

The news that the proposed ferry link between Campbeltown and Northern Ireland is unlikely to go ahead as planned next year has been greeted with dismay by many in Kintyre.

Last week the deputy chief executive of Argyll and the Islands Enterprise, the driving force behind the proposal, confirmed

rumours that it would probably be 1997 before the ferry link with Ballycastle starts operation.

The circumstances surrounding the announcement are to be raised at next Friday's meeting of the West Highlands and Islands of Argyll Tourist Board.

The board's chairman, Allan McKie, said a number of people had been 'led up the garden path only to have the gate slammed in their faces'.

'All the 'i's should have been dotted and the 't's crossed before it was announced that this ferry was going ahead next year,' he said.

'But that said, everyone will have to pull together with the AIE and the other bodies involved, to make sure it does go ahead in 1997.

'There is no point laying the blame at people's doors.'

The Kintyre Marketing Group has also been taking a keen interest in the ferry project.

The group's secretary Bruce Urquhart said: 'I am extremely concerned about the impact this news will have on the morale in the town.'

'The AIE has been publicly so confident that the project would go ahead on time that this news has come as a shock to a number of people.'

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Friday August 20, 1970

Links with Ulster reformed

Until 30 years ago, Islay fishermen sailed to the village of Ballycastle in Northern Ireland to sell dried fish at the traditional two-day fair there, the Ould Lamma's Fair.

And this year the link between the two communities will be re-established.

Between 60 and 80 people from Islay will be visiting the fair, which is held on the 24th and 25th of this month.

Western Ferries Limited, which introduced the ferry service

between Campbeltown and Red Bay, has organised transport and tickets for the trip are already on sale in Islay.

Due to unsatisfactory landing facilities in Ballycastle, it will not be possible to run a vessel directly from Islay to Ballycastle, the route used in the past. Instead the Port Askaig to West Loch Tarbert and Campbeltown to Red Bay ferry services will be used in connection with buses.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Friday August 21, 1920

The detention cells on Bolgam Street are not now considered modern enough in their appointments for the housing of evil-doers, and persons arrested before 10 o'clock at night are immediately transferred to the 'big jail' at Castlehill.

If the arrest takes place after 10 the offenders have to put up with the accommodation in Bolgam Street until 6am, when they are transferred to the more salubrious slopes of Castlehill.

The transfer is accomplished by motor cars. Presumably the powers that be have made taboo the old-time barrow as a means of transport, and if there are any complaints about the beds or the grub just mention it, my merry men, and we'll see to it that you are made more comfortable.

Southend War Memorial

Unveiling of War Memorial - Southend War Memorial is to be unveiled on Saturday 28th inst. The ceremony will be performed by his Grace the Duke of Argyll.

Lot of Farms

We understand that the farm of Ifferdale, Saddell, from which Mr Sloan is retiring, has been let to Mr Henry Semple, High Ugadale, and that the latter is being succeeded in the tenancy of High Ugadale by his nephew, Mr Richard Semple, Rhonadale.

The island of Sanda, from the tenancy of which Mr D Dempsey is retiring, has been taken over by Mr Alex. Russell, Feorline.



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In the implement section in 1904, Peter McKay, Glebe Street, showed a Governess car.

Another feature of this and shows at that time was 'trotting matches'. There were 11 entries in 1904 with the prize for the best turnout going to James

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

Taylor, Machrimore. During the years of the Second World War, although there was no ploughing match or June show, the society continued to function and an occasional foal

show took place in October.

An annual general meeting (AGM) was still held at the beginning of January and the following are some of the thoughts and decisions during the early years of World War II.

At the AGM in 1939, president William Stewart, Darloch, welcomed the large gathering of members and said the June show had been quite a success but owing to unfavourable weather the produce show was not as good as former years.

Four new directors were nominated under the rotation rule. They were: Donald McSporr, Strathbane; P Craig Reid, Glenrioch; Angus McConnachie, Blasthill, and John Gilchrist, Low Ballevain.

Directors' meetings during 1939: Mr Charles McTaggart, Eagle Park, was appointed

president; Archie Cameron, South Carrine, senior vice president, and Robert Millar, Kilkivan, as junior vice president.

It was agreed the ploughing match field at East Backs would be measured on Tuesday January 16 at 10am.

Secretary P J Campbell said the June Show had made an income of £128 14/d which was £16 11/ 6d more than 1938. President Charles McTaggart informed the meeting the purpose for gathering was to discuss whether it would be advisable to hold the foal and produce shows in light of the current state of emergency. Mr Robert Millar moved that the shows be abandoned and this was seconded by Archie Cameron. This was carried unanimously.

At the AGM in January 1940, president Charles McTaggart said he was glad to see such a good turnout of members. He said there was a tendency to be gloomy these days but while 'we know these are dark and difficult times, we have won through to victory before and would do so again'. He said the ploughing match had been a huge success and congratulated Archie Ronald, Coulinlongart, on winning the medal for a third time.

Directors' meetings during



1951: Alex Graham, Tonrioch, with his yearling filly Tonrioch Celanese being presented with the Society Cup for Best Clydesdale bred by exhibitor from Mrs Smith, Drumore.

1940: A meeting was called to elect a president. Donald McArthur, Fort Argyll, proposed Robert Millar, Kilkivan, and was seconded by William Cuthbertson, Ballywilline. Mr Millar and Mr McArthur proposed William Cuthbertson as senior vice president and Mr McArthur was appointed junior vice president. All appointments were agreed unanimously. It was agreed the president and secretary should meet with local NFU secretary John Barbour, Machribeg, to discuss organising a free gift sale in aid of the Provost's fund

and the Red Cross. A special meeting of members on October 14 1940 was called by request of members to determine if a foal show should take place. Mr R Smith, seconded by Mr Angus McConnachie, Blasthill, proposed a foal show be held. Mr Archie Ronald, seconded by Mr Alex Taylor, moved that no show take place. A vote was taken with 16 members for the motion and 16 for the amendment.

Chairman Robert Millar gave his casting vote to the amendment and it was carried.



1987: A keenly contested ski plank race between Campbeltown and Largside young farmers' clubs. Largside - Peter Littleson, John Park, Brian McMurchy and Sandy Steel - just edging ahead of Campbeltown - Robert Ferguson, John Smith, James McLean and Katie McLean.

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NSAS tackles Scottish Lynx release plan

The National Sheep Association Scottish region is criticising the Lynx UK Trust following the launch of its consultation on the reintroduction of Lynx in Central Scotland while carrying out an ecological feasibility study and meeting with senior officials at Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

The trust has been denied licences to release the Eurasian Lynx, an apex predator, into the British countryside in the past, and NSAS is once again reminding the proposers to note the devastating effects this could impact on our sheep industry in the future.

NSAS chairman Jen Craig said: 'NSA Scottish Region will continue to represent the views of sheep farmers and crofters in Scotland who would be greatly impacted by any reintroduction of species into the country.'

'The last consultation to date carried out by Lynx UK Trust was flawed and subsequently denied. It is also worth remembering that the Cabinet Secretary Fergus Ewing has also made his disapproval of any reintroduction in the past quite clear and we will continue to ensure that view is maintained in Scotland.'

Photograph: Chris Godfrey



Nature-friendly farmers step into the limelight

Soil Association Scotland has announced nine successful applicants from Scotland to its Farmer Ambassador programme.

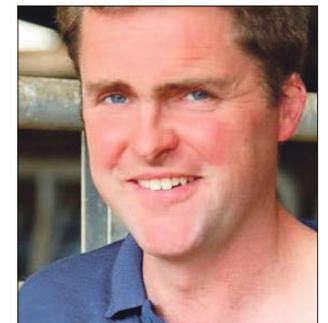
The UK-wide Soil Association programme will train a total of 24 ambassadors in smartphone video production and storytelling, so they can invite the public, policy makers and other farmers virtually onto their farms and showcase the benefits of nature – and climate-friendly farming.

Soil Association Scotland director Aoife Behan says: 'Scotland's farmers and crofters are a vital part of the solution to the challenges of climate change, nature loss and ill-health we all face. By producing food in ways that nurture people, the environment and the rural economy, they meet those challenges head-on. We want to give those farmers the tools to show people how they do it.'

'We are proud to welcome such a brilliant, diverse bunch into the programme, and look forward to seeing and sharing what they produce after the training in October.'

Training will take place online with journalist and broadcaster Anna Jones and filmmaker Alex Price of Just Farmers, and the group will receive support from each other and the Soil Association.

New Farmer Ambassador Gillian Vollum farms 800 acres



Clockwise from top left, Matthew Anderson, Denise Walton, Helen O'Keefe, Hugh Greirson, Jessica Walker, Louise Munro, Nikki Yoxall, Robert Wilson, and Gillian Vollum, below.

at Balliemore Farm on the Isle of Kerrera, near Oban, with her husband and two small boys. She says: 'We absolutely have to get better at promoting ourselves, our products and our farms. We have to educate people about how we get our food to their table, how we look after our animals, how we try and plant as many trees and wild flowers as we can, all while trying to stay financially solvent-ish, raise our families and hopefully leave the farms

and land in some sort of good order for the next generation. It's a pretty big juggling act.'

Matthew Anderson, formerly of Oban, is an organic beef farmer and LANTRA industry champion, with 96 acres of his own, and almost 1,000, with sheep that he farms with his father at Mainhill and Swinside Farms in the Scottish



Borders. He says: 'I would like other farmers and policy makers to see organic grassland management as a sustainable way of farming in the future, providing both food security and environmental benefits. I would also like to make the general public more aware of the good stories from agriculture.'

Scotland's other Farmer

Ambassadors are Louise Munro of Mosshead Farm, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire; Robert Wilson of Cowbog Farm, Jedburgh, Scottish Borders; Hugh Grierson of Newmilm Farm, Perth; Helen O'Keefe of Middleton Croft, Elphin, Sutherland; Jessica Walker of Barnside Farm, Duns, Scottish Borders; Denise Walton of Peelham Farm, Foulden, Berwickshire and Nikki Yoxall of Howemill, Huntly, Aberdeenshire.

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United Auctions, Tiree, Saturday August 15: sold 4750 lambs averaging £70.78 per head (+ £11.81) and 209.90p/kg (+.32 pence).

Lambs were shown in excellent bloom and sold to the usual following of mainland buyers. Lambs per head - SuffX - £94.50, 9 Barrapol; £93.00, Salum; £93.00, Greenbank; £92.50, Druimasaidh; £91.00, Benview; £91.00, Druimasaidh; £90.00, 6 Crossapol; £90.00, Mannal; £90.00, 6 Crossapol; £88.00, Hillcrest; £87.00, 2 Heylipol; £86.00, 4 Heanish; £85.50, Druimasaidh; £84.00, 8 Cornaigbeg; £84.00, Mannal; £82.00, 9 Barrapol; £80.50, Croish; £80.00, 10 Crossapol. BeltX - £105.00, Heylipol Farm; £100.00, Ruaig; £98.00, Hillcrest; £96.00, Heylipol Farm; £95.00, Braeside;

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Clachan, 222p, Greenbank; 221p, Croish. BeltX - 248p, Ardmay; 246p, 236p, Heylipol Farm; 234p, 229p, Lochphuill; 229p, Heylipol Farm; 228p, Hillcrest; 228p, Ruaig; 228p, Lochphuill; 226p, Ruaig; 225p, Hillcrest; 224p, Ardmay; 224p, Heylipol Farm; 222p, 6 Barrapol; 222p, Hillcrest. TexX - 246p, 6 Barrapol; 245p, 8 Kilkenneth; 234p, Heylipol Farm; 226p, 10 Balevullin; 224p, Lochside; 223p, Whitehouse; 222p, 6 Barrapol; 221p, 6 Balevullin. HB - 237p, 8 Barrapol. Chev - 219p, 3a Caolis; 218p, Scarinish Farm. Cross - 215p, 3a Caolis. Zwa - 214p, Garaphail. Mule - 215p, Lochside. Chev Mule - 221p, Mannal. BF - 175p, Lochside; 169p, Garaphail. **United Auctions, Oban, Tuesday August 18:** sold 5183 Lambs & Sheep of

all classes. Lambs (4818) averaged £60.36 (+£7.90). A good offering of mainly store Lambs again sold to a good ringside of buyers. Lambs - SuffX - £77.00, 16 Eoligaray, Barra; £74.50, 3 Killean; £73.00, Achnacone; £72.50, Dunmor; £72.00, Mid Farm; £69.50, Achnacree Beag; £68.00, Frackersaig; £67.00, Ardencaple; £65.50, Balnagown Croft; £65.00, 3 Killean; £65.00, Annat; £65.00, Callart. BeltX - £72.00, Acharonich; £69.00, Achnacree Beag; £68.50, £68.00, Tyree; £68.00, Croft2 Fanmore. TexX - £75.00, Poltalloch; £75.00, Balnagown; £74.50, Keilbeg; £74.00, Fiaraidh Grazings, Barra; £74.00, 123 Craigston, Barra; £73.50, Balligarve; £73.00, Kengharair; £73.00, Blackcroft; £71.00, Creagnich; £70.00, Blackcroft; £69.00, Bal-

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Thousands of library books are due back

A total of 14,000 library books have been out on loan in Argyll and Bute since lockdown measures were introduced, the charity in charge of them has revealed.

Live Argyll, which manages libraries and leisure facilities in the area, has said users can start returning books at town libraries from the week beginning Monday August 24, at designated times.

It has also set out its 'route map' for coming out of lockdown measures, with a staged plan for the return of other services.

From August 24, organised adult groups will be permitted to hire sports pitches, within Scottish Government guidelines.

Gyms

Organised children's groups are already able to do so.

The next stage is planned for Monday September

14 pending government guidance – and includes the reopening of gyms, fitness centres and swimming pools.

Gyms will initially be open to members only, while pools will be lane swimming only.

Indoor, outdoor and online fitness classes will take place.

It is also hoped that events and community venues, indoor school lets and soft play facilities will be able to resume from Monday September 14, but this is also pending government guidance.

Further stages towards coming out of lockdown are planned for leisure facilities and libraries in October and November.

Pitches

A statement from Live Argyll said: 'We are pleased to report that we have started re-introducing a small number of services.

'Our outdoor pitches are now available for hire to organised children's groups and our Active Schools team have returned to work to prepare for the start of the new school term to support the health and well-being of our pupils.

'We are grateful to sportscotland for its continued financial support of the Active Schools programme.

Swimming

'We have also been given an indicative opening date for our leisure facilities of September 14 and we are awaiting further national guidance on indoor community bookings, lets and events which may also be permitted to reopen from this date.

'We were hoping to begin our phased reopening of our leisure facilities within weeks, however, this will not be possible.'

Live Argyll hopes to increase

fitness facility opening hours and the number of fitness classes from Monday October 12, and introduce a swimming lesson programme and children's fitness facilities at least a week later.

However, these, too, are dependent on Government guidance.

A part-time click-and-collect service is planned to resume in libraries during the week commencing Monday September 14, while restricted physical reopening arrangements could resume during the week starting Monday October 5.

During the week of Monday November 2, a return to full service arrangements, including part-time and island libraries, is planned.

The Campbeltown Museum and the Islay mobile library are included in this stage of the phased return to normal.

Office plans for Gigha given go-ahead

Plans to provide new office space on the Isle of Gigha have been given the go-ahead by council officers.

The new modular building, which will also comprise communal space and welfare facilities, was the subject of an application by Samantha Fowler, of Bellahouston Business Centre in Glasgow.

The new facility will be situated at the shore base of the Druimyeon Bay fish farm.

No public objections to the proposals were received by Argyll and Bute Council, and the plans were rubber-stamped on Monday, August 10.

A handling report by a council planning officer says: 'The proposal is to replace an existing accommodation with an improved single storey modular building comprising office space, storage and processing rooms.

'It is to be a 121.5sqm rectangular floor plan and 3m high to the slightly off flat roof. There are to be small hopper style windows for the kitchen, drying rooms and WCs.

'Larger windows are for the meetings rooms and offices, but all are subordinate to the wall massing.

'Entrance and escape doors are on separate elevations at opposite ends of the building.

'The modular building raises no privacy, amenity or design concerns and is considered acceptable as office accommodation in association with the neighbouring building.

'No concerns are raised in respect of any detrimental visual impact in relation to the mainland and accordingly the development is consistent with policies.'

'The proposal is consistent with the council's challenge to create the best possible environment for competitive businesses to thrive without undermining our future potential in delivering economic growth.'

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PUT SAFETY FIRST ON YOUR MOTORWAY JOURNEYS THIS SUMMER, SAYS GEM

• **STAY BACK** – leave a large enough safety gap from the vehicle in front

Road safety and breakdown cover specialist GEM Motoring Assist is encouraging drivers to put safety first on motorway journeys. GEM's advice focuses on two key aspects of motorway driving: leaving a sufficient gap from the vehicle in front and understanding the danger signs of fatigue while on a motorway journey.

GEM chief executive Neil Worth offered some reassurance for drivers. "Motorways may be the fastest roads we use, but they are statistically also the safest; and there are fewer collisions on motorways than on other roads," he said.

Stay back – leave a safety gap

"A serious risk occurs when there is not enough time and space between vehicles travelling at high speed. "Imagine a sudden hazard ahead of you on the motorway. According to the Highway Code, if you're driving at 70mph you will need a minimum of 96 metres to come to a stop.

"We recommend that all drivers familiarise themselves with the two-second rule. It's time-based, not distance-based, so it's effective at

• **STAY ALERT** – don't fight signs of tiredness

any legal motorway speed.

"Try it out on your next motorway journey. You should note as the vehicle in front passes a fixed point, such as a sign, bridge or lamp-post. Then you say 'Only a fool breaks the two-second rule.' If you are still speaking when you pass the same fixed point, then you are following too close."

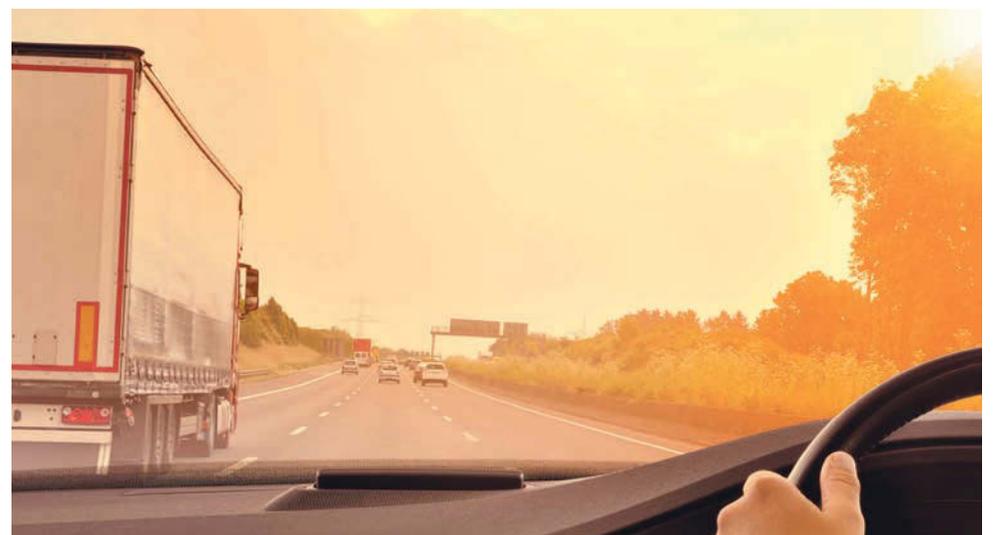
Stay alert – take regular breaks

Neil explained that a fatigue-related crash was around 50 per cent more likely to result in death or serious injury, simply because a driver who has fallen asleep at the wheel would be unable to reduce speed or change direction to avoid a collision. "The consequences can be devastating," he said.

"Falling asleep at the wheel is easily avoided, but it's vital you heed the many warning signs your body will give you before you actually nod off.

"After all, no-one simply falls asleep without passing through various recognisable stages of tiredness and distraction.

"You will experience difficulty focusing on



your driving, you may fidget, yawn constantly and rub your eyes frequently. You may find your thoughts constantly wandering away from driving, you may drift to the left or right, you may be slowing down without realising and you'll suddenly find you cannot recall anything that happened in the past few minutes.

"Don't ever get that tired when driving. On

long journeys, take a break of at least 15 minutes after every two hours or 100 miles. Get out of the car, do some exercise, stretch or walk. If necessary, have a caffeine drink or two to boost your alertness.

"You will know when fatigue is affecting you. It doesn't just take you by surprise. So resist the urge to press on, and take a proper break."

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Events season hasn't gone to plan this year and most shows have had to be cancelled but the

Pick-Up Professionals at Isuzu haven't let that stop them. The Summer Show by Isuzu will be split into three general interest sections: Agriculture, Towing and Adventure.

The Isuzu virtual stand displays the full range of D-Max pick-ups and viewers can look around some very different Isuzu D-Max vehicles and accessories that are perfectly suited to agriculture and outdoor activities.

Towing is a weighty topic for pick-up owners as over 90 per cent of D-Max are sold with a tow bar. Geared towards novice towers and helping the more experienced brush up on their

skills, some top towing tips are on offer.

An off-road course is a popular attraction for visitors at all Isuzu summer shows and this one is no exception. The grand finale will be a celebrity getting into some sticky situations as they demonstrate just how capable the Isuzu D-Max XTR is in eXTREme conditions on the ultimate off-road adventure.

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PEUGEOT SHINES IN THE DIESEL CAR & ECO CAR TOP 50



PEUGEOT models have scored several wins at the Diesel Car & Eco Car Top 50 awards, with the all-new 2008 SUV named Best Compact SUV and the all-new e-2008 SUV named Best Compact Electric Car, while the PEUGEOT Rifter was awarded the Best Utility Vehicle. PEUGEOT models, including the 3008 SUV, 5008 SUV and 508 also featured in the Top 50 list of best vehicles currently on the market.

Five of PEUGEOT's latest models have been listed in the Diesel Car & Eco Car Top 50 awards. The all-new PEUGEOT 2008 SUV was crowned winner of the Compact SUV category, with its fully electric variant

winning the Compact Electric Car category, and ranked 13th overall in the Top 50 standings.

Ian Robertson, editor and publisher of Diesel Car & Eco Car, said: "The second-generation PEUGEOT 2008 SUV has undergone a complete transformation, trading in its soft lines for a chiselled baby-3008 SUV design.

"Powered by a range of traditional petrol and diesel engines, the arrival of the e-2008 SUV is ground-breaking in the baby SUV sector, meaning that buyers can choose an all-electric version for the first time."

The PEUGEOT Rifter was

awarded the Best Utility Vehicle by Diesel Car & Eco Car, with the magazine praising its practicality and capability.

Robertson said: "If the term 'lifestyle vehicle' fills you with horror, look no further than the PEUGEOT Rifter. Five-seat models feature the standard wheelbase, while seven-seat editions gain a longer wheelbase.

"Choose the latter option and there's a staggering 4,000 litres of load space with all seats folded down."

Diesel Car & Eco Car ranked the PEUGEOT 3008 SUV sixth in its Top 50 rankings, praising the SUV

for its "eye-catching" looks and efficient line-up of diesel engines. PEUGEOT's i-Cockpit® also earned praise from the judging panel thanks to its compact dimensions and the incorporation of a digital instrument panel.

The 5008 SUV and 508 were also ranked 41st and 33rd by Diesel Car & Eco Car in its annual ranking. Both vehicles impressed the judges with their line-up of efficient diesel engines, as well as stylish interiors featuring the latest in technology and driver assistance features and the availability of plug-in powertrains on the 508 and 508 SW.

David Peel, managing director

of PEUGEOT UK, said: "To rack up so many awards and Top 50 performances in the latest Diesel Car & Eco Car Top 50 shows the breadth and strength of the current PEUGEOT model line-up.

"Efficiency runs through the heart of the PEUGEOT brand, which is why we have made the commitment to have an electrified variant across our entire model line-up by 2023, complementing our current diesel and petrol models that are among the cleanest and most efficient in the sector."

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Subaru awarded best manufacturer for safety features in the 2020 driver power survey

For the second year running, Subaru has been voted Best Manufacturer for Safety Features in the 2020 Driver Power survey, the UK's number one car ownership survey.

In the overall rankings, Subaru placed third in a fiercely competitive field of 30 manufacturers. Steve Fowler, editor at Auto Express, said: "This year marks another exceptional performance for Subaru, as Driver Power respondents told us they're happy with almost everything that relates to life with these cars. Owners find them immensely satisfying to drive, enjoy their fantastic interiors, and can rely on them day in, day out. Owners also say no other car maker offers better safety systems. Given these results, it's easy to see why Subaru owners tend to be a loyal lot."

Chris Graham, managing director at Subaru UK, commented: "The results of this industry-leading survey clearly show that owners appreciate the importance of being able to choose and drive a car that's built to be Better Where It Matters – and nothing matters more

than safety. We're delighted that Subaru owners recognise our on-going commitment to build the safest cars on the road today, as well as praising the outstanding capability, practicality and reliability that our vehicles offer.

"We are immensely proud to be placed third out of 30 manufacturers and will continue to work tirelessly to deliver against – and exceed – owners' expectations."

All three Subaru SUVs hold the maximum five-star Euro NCAP safety rating and are fitted with a host of safety features, including EyeSight driver assistance, as standard. Subaru's exceptional safety credentials have been recognised with several notable awards in recent months. Subaru's brand-new Driver Monitoring System won the Technology Award at the 2020 What Car? Awards and was described as 'the most advanced of its kind', proving to be more accurate than other manufacturer systems at identifying when concentration was lost.

Forester e-BOXER was named Best in Class 2019



in the Small Off-Road/MPV Class in the Euro NCAP 2019 safety performance test, achieving outstanding scores in all four assessment areas and registering the highest score ever (91 per cent) in its class for Child Occupant Protection. Forester was also awarded 4x4 Magazine's

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Isuzu D-Max sales up 50% for best July on record

The award-winning Isuzu D-Max has recorded its strongest ever sales performance for July, up 50 per cent on the same month last year. As the company prepares for launch of the All-New D-Max in 2021, Isuzu UK is recruiting new dealers to help it achieve its medium-term target of 10,000 sales per year by 2025.

Thanks to its 3.5t towing capacity, shift-on-the-fly 4WD system and one-tonne payload, the Isuzu D-Max has been highly decorated with a whole host of accolades including the What Van? Pick-Up of the Year 2020. As well as industry professionals, the D-Max is also held in high regard by its loyal – and growing – customer base.

Farmers, tradespeople and fleet customers are attracted by the D-Max's rugged reliability and broad range of accessories and fleet solutions, while customers who use their truck for business and pleasure love the sophistication and the distinctive styling of the 'Adventure' range models like the Blade and XTR.

In addition to record sales, interest in the brand is also at an all-time high with the Isuzu website witnessing

record traffic and brochure downloads last month as the country steadily opens back up for business.

William Brown, managing director of Isuzu UK, commented: "Our team has worked exceptionally hard to achieve this fantastic sales record and it's great to see that more people are recognising the capabilities and strengths of our award-winning truck. Moving forward, we're currently getting ready for the arrival of the All-New D-Max due next year. We're extremely excited about this as the new model raises the bar in the pick-up segment for comfort and safety, while retaining Isuzu's traditional strengths of durability and practicality."

As a brand, Isuzu is firmly on track to achieving its business objective of reaching 10,000 sales per year by 2025 and is now actively recruiting new dealers to expand its network in order to fulfill its growth expectations over the next few years.

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CARELESS SATNAV POSITIONING COULD LAND YOU IN TROUBLE, WARNS GEM

Poor positioning of satnav devices on car windscreens is posing a significant threat to road safety, says breakdown organisation GEM Motoring Assist. Today's large screen devices positioned in the middle of car windscreens mean a potentially dangerous reduction in driver visibility, especially on left hand bends and at junctions, according to GEM.

GEM chief executive Neil Worth said: "Satnav devices are great for reducing a lot of motoring stress and showing you the way on unfamiliar journeys. But if in the process you're obscuring a large part of your field of view, then you are taking a risk as well as breaking the law."

"A typical large screen satnav device measuring nearly seven inches (17cm) wide by four inches (10.48cm) high has the potential to cause significant restrictions to a driver's field of view, especially if it's mounted in the centre of the windscreen below a large rear view mirror."

"A small screen device may seem to be only a minor obstruction from inside the car. However, it has the potential to hide a much larger area outside the car, depending on where you sit and the distance you are from it."

"Placing a satnav right in the centre of the windscreen will block most of your nearside view, and will mean you miss all the hazards that might be there. This is particularly dangerous on left-hand bends, at junctions and crossings, and in any locations where you may share the

road space with cyclists and pedestrians."

Department for Transport advice is that nothing should intrude more than 1cm into a 29cm-wide strip of windscreen directly in front of the steering wheel, or more than 4cm into the rest of the area swept by the windscreen wipers.

GEM has assembled some simple tips to ensure your view of the road is not obstructed by a poorly-positioned sat nav:

- Ensure you position your satnav so that it won't affect your view of the road and your ability to drive safely.

- The safest place for a satnav is low down on your windscreen, and to the far right, to minimise obstruction of your field of view.

- If this is not possible, then it may be acceptable in the centre of the windscreen, but you should position it as low down as possible.

- Make sure you choose the right seat height and position to suit your individual shape and size before positioning your satnav.

- Avoid fitting the satnav to a location that could cause injury to a driver or passenger in a crash. This includes potential head strike zones on the windscreen, or other locations where deploying an airbag may contact them.

- Never fit the satnav high up on the windscreen. As well as severely restricting vision, this could interfere with the rear view mirror and sun visors, and will require power cords to trail across the driver's field of vision.



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- owners voted in the 2020 Auto Trader New Car Awards
- The Duster is Dacia's best-selling model, with broad range of engines

- and trim levels
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The Dacia Duster's trophy cabinet has been extended to accommodate another victory with the announcement of the popular family model scooping the Best Value New Car prize in Auto Trader's 2020 New Car Awards.

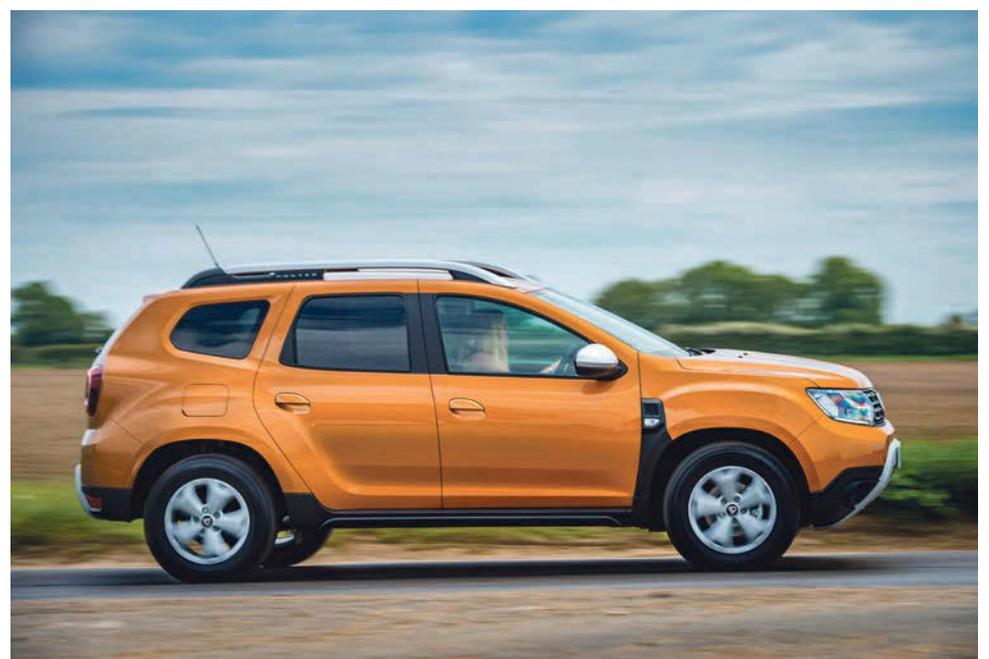
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ers voted in the latest awards, with the Duster coming out on top as the best value of all the contenders for the second year in a row after winning the same award in 2019.

Speaking of the win, Erin Baker, editorial director of Auto Trader, said: "The Dacia

Duster achieved one of the highest scores in our survey this year to claim the coveted Auto Trader Best Value New Car Award. The Duster still offers so much car, for so little money!"

Building on its extensive list of existing accolades, the



award-winning Duster majors on value for money, delivering impressive practicality, comfort, usability and standard equipment for an attractive price that's hard to argue with.

With a broad range of engine and trim level options, there's a Duster for all occasions.

The comprehensive petrol and diesel line-up has recently expanded with the addition of the TCe 100 Bi-Fuel LPG option, delivering an impressive combined range of over 620 miles and low CO2 emissions in LPG mode.

A wide choice of specifications are available too, made up of Access, Essential, Comfort, SE Twenty and Prestige options, all of which deliver outstanding value for money and a generous level of standard equipment, while also bringing new levels of comfort and technology to Dacia models.

Of the win, Luke Broad, head of brand for Dacia, commented: "The ongoing appeal of the impressive Duster continues to be recognised, and receiving the award for

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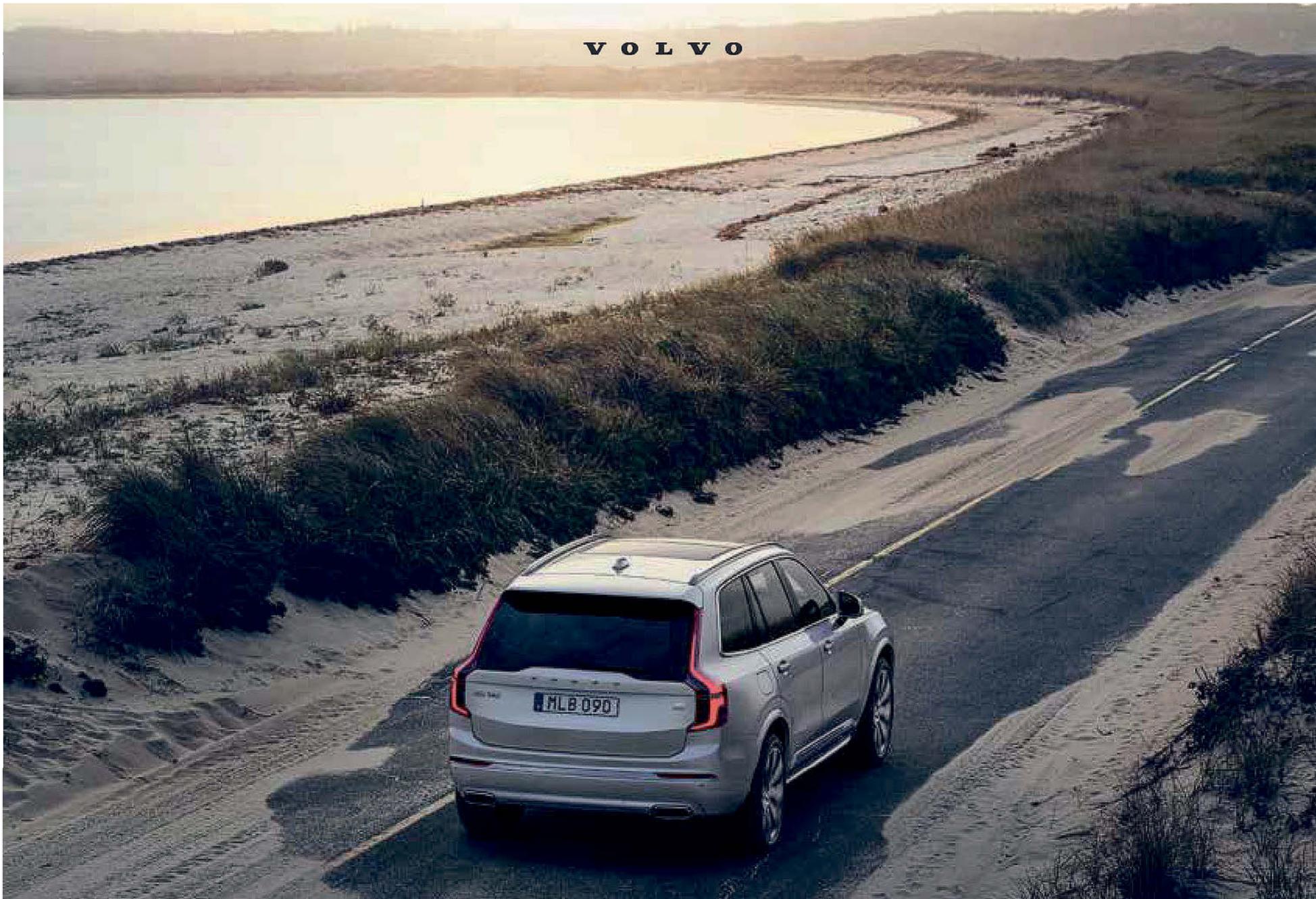
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Salary: £18600 FTE

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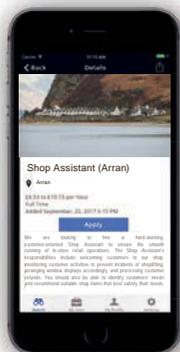
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On Monday 17th August 2020, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14(1)(c) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to introduce a one-way operation on the sections of road indicated in the Schedule below.

The restrictions imposed by this Order which are required because of the likelihood of danger to the public, will be effective when indicated by signs from 0001 hours on 27th August to 2359 hours on 31st March 2021, or until the permanent Order supersedes, whichever is the earlier.

SCHEDULE - ONE-WAY OPERATION

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
20/01278/PP	Use of land and temporary siting of accommodation/cabins for 40 workers, associated handstanding, parking, breakout area, waste storage area	Tarbert Holiday Park, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6YF
20/01260/PP	Demolition of dwellinghouse and garden store and erection of replacement dwellinghouse and garden store/workshop	Waters Edge, Inverneill, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA30 8ES
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A tribute to Duncan MacInnes Brown

With the death of Duncan M Brown on August 11, a week after his 95th birthday, Campbeltown has lost a well-known and cherished son.

Duncan was born in Campbeltown on August 5, 1925. In his recently published booklet 'Boyhood Memories of the Wee Toon', he spoke fondly of growing up in the Longrow, and the rich world of boyhood activities living there opened up to him, a world of the garage, the sawmill, the smokehouse, the smiddy and the harbour, inhabited by a host of local characters.

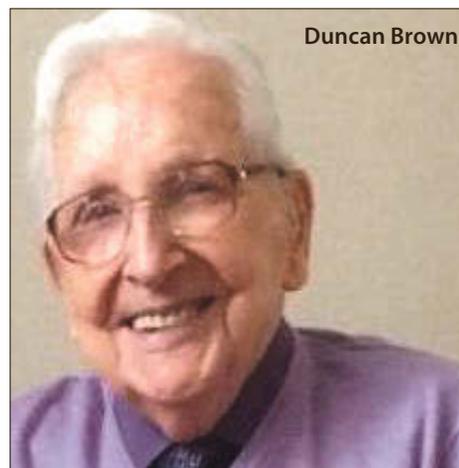
As a youth he delivered milk from McKellar's Dairy in the Main Street, where the Kintyre Larder is now and where his daughter Marjorie's shop was before it.

In 1943, at the tender age of 18, with the Second World War still in progress, Duncan joined the RAF. He did his basic training in Leicester and then became a radar technician, spending the remainder of the war in Burma. On being demobbed, Duncan worked for a time in Edinburgh, where he met his then future wife Margaret at a Valentine's dance — treating her to a fern cake.

Their relationship grew and soon Duncan was selling his bike in order to buy an engagement ring, something he would not let her forget in later life.

After their marriage in Edinburgh in 1949, Duncan and Margaret moved to Campbeltown to start their married life in a flat in North Shore Street. A great-aunt of Margaret's commented, as the couple left Edinburgh: 'She'll no' be there a fortnight and she'll be back.' Well, she wasn't, and she and Duncan celebrated their platinum wedding anniversary last September — a milestone not many can match.

On coming home, Duncan worked for a time with his uncle, Angus MacInnes, who had a business selling domestic necessities and charging the batteries people used then to power their wireless sets. Duncan was always looking for ways to expand their range and one day decided



Duncan Brown.

to try toys. He bought in half a dozen cars which sold out at once. Then he ordered a dozen and they sold out too.

That was when Duncan decided to concentrate on toys and before long his own wee shop in the Longrow had become a Mecca for all the boys and girls of the town. There can be few Campbeltownians over a certain age who don't remember spending their pocket money in that Aladdin's cave in Longrow and remember too, the gentle, kindly, and infinitely patient man who ran it.

Though he was in many ways a quiet and self-effacing man who never liked being in the spotlight, Duncan also made his mark on the wider life of the town. He was active in the community, serving as treasurer of the committee that raised funds for the town's first swimming pool, though he was never a swimmer himself. He was active in the Traders' Association and in a group that supported children with special needs.

You wouldn't think all that would leave him much time for leisure pursuits, but Duncan was a keen bowler, and he and Margaret did a lot of

walking. He was also an avid reader, borrowing many a book from the local library. He had a good general knowledge and took a keen interest in current affairs.

In recent years, he enjoyed going along on a Thursday afternoon to the gatherings of the Old Pals Club, contributing his share to their wonderful fund of local knowledge.

In many ways Duncan was a very public man, well known through his business and his wider involvements. He truly was a Campbeltown legend.

But there was also the private man, the family man who made his wife and daughters feel so completely loved and supported, the dependable man whose main purpose in life was to make life good for them.

Within the family his great sense of humour and his love of a practical joke came to the fore. There was always a twinkle in his eye. On his first visit to daughter Dorothy in remote rural China, where they went well off the beaten tourist track, Duncan would often say to her: 'I've not met anyone from Drumlemble yet!'

That pawky humour stayed with him to the end.

In July, Duncan had to go into hospital for a time and at one point the family was sent for. Fortunately he rallied and the next morning Marjorie found him chatting with four of the nursing staff gathered at the foot of his bed. 'Well,' he told them, 'I wasn't expecting to see you this morning. I thought it would be somebody from Blair's.'

Duncan's gentle humour, his quietly spoken graciousness, his kindness and patience, his impact on the life of the community, his devotion to Margaret, Marjorie and Dor, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, his loving presence at the heart of his family — these were the hallmarks of a man who will be long and fondly remembered in his native town.

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DEATHS

GALBRAITH - Suddenly but peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on the August 16, 2020, Alexander Fraser Galbraith (Alex) in his 93rd year, 30 Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Rose Galbraith, much loved dad of Alister and Lesley, father-in-law of John, loving granda of Craig, Scott, Richard, Stefan and Adam and a beloved great granda. Funeral Service Private in line with current government guidelines. Alex's funeral will take place on Thursday August 20, 2020. The cortege will leave the home address at 12.00 noon. after a short prayer. Travelling round Calton Avenue onto Davaar Avenue down the Roding, to Millknowe Road onto Longrow then Longrow South and Main Street passing the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery.

Family, friends and neighbours are welcome to pay their last respects to Alex on our journey. Please remember to observe social distancing.

LANG - Peacefully at home, 119 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, surrounded by his family, on the August 16, 2020, DAVID MCKENDRICK LANG, in his 77th, dearly beloved husband of Catherine Colville, much loved dad of David, Marie and Peter, loving granda of Kimberly, Andrew, Owen, Adrian, Rheanna, Jessica and Aaron, great granda to Josh and a good friend and neighbour to many. Funeral Service Private in line with current government guidelines. David's funeral will take place on Wednesday, August 19, 2020. The cortege will leave the home address at 1.00 p.m. travelling down Ralston Road and Main Street passing the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery.

Family, friends and neighbours are welcome to pay their last respects to David on our journey. Please remember to observe social distancing.

MACKINNON - Peacefully at home, Cala Grianach, Tarbert on Sunday August 16, 2020, Catherine Smith aged 89. Much loved daughter of the late Malcolm and Chrissie. Loving sister of Malcolm and the late Alistair, Ian and Elsie. Aunt, great Aunt and

great-great Aunt. A private family funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium on Monday August 24.

McGOUGAN - Suddenly at home in Barbados on August 6, 2020, Douglas Stewart in his 49th year, much loved younger son of Johnny and Catherine, loving dad of Mason and Callan, dear brother of Iain, brother-in-law of Ruth and beloved uncle to Graham, Jo-Anne, Aimee and Emma. Cremation took place in Barbados on Thursday 20, 2020.

McPHAIL - Suddenly at home on August 12, 2020, John Park McPhail, beloved husband of the late Sandra McLeod, wonderful dad to Aileen and Lindsey and loving pa of John, Grant and Laurie, who all adored him. Due to current restrictions a private graveside service will be held on Monday, August 24 at 12 noon in Strachur Cemetery.

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BROWN - Following the sad loss of Duncan, Margaret, Dorothy, Marjorie and families would like to thank Dr Lazarus for his exceptional care over the years, Maggie Wilkieson, Macmillan nurse, for her unstinting kindness and care, the community nurses for their friendly care and compassion, Carr Gomm and Carers Direct carers for their wonderful attention over the years, Kenny, Rhys, David, and Kelly of T.A. Blair, funeral directors, for their efficient and compassionate handling of arrangements. Grateful thanks to Rev. William Crossan for his wonderful tribute. Many thanks also to everyone who sent cards, flowers, and hampers, which were all very much appreciated. Finally, thank you to everyone who paid their respects as Duncan made his final journey. It has been heart warming for us to see the outpouring of affection shown. He absolutely loved Campbeltown and its people, and we know he would have been very touched. Thank you all.

LITSTER - Moira, Yvonne, Vivienne and their families wish to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, visits, cards, food, baking, flowers and

charitable donations received following their recent sad loss of Danny. Special thanks to local ambulance staff, Air Ambulance medics and staff at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital for their care and attention to Danny. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who took time to pay their respects during the cortege's route through Kilmichael and Lochgilphead. Thanks to Cameron MacDonald for conducting the funeral ceremony in a personal and dignified manner; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their care and professionalism; to Morna for beautiful floral tributes, and also to Christine for allowing us to have a small, but intimate service enabling us to celebrate Danny's life.

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IN MEMORIAM

GARDNER - Edwin Paul, died August 23, 2015. Always loved, Always remembered, Treasured and cherished memories. - Christine, Jamie, Angie and family.

MACFARLANE - In loving memory of Alastair, who died in Sri Lanka, on August 24, 2013. A dearly loved son and brother, remembered every day. - Mum and Malcolm xx. Treasured memories of all our loved ones gone before. Forever in our thoughts.

McCALLUM - Precious memories of a loving husband, dad and grandpa Colin who passed away on August 22, 2011. We love and miss you every day. In our hearts you will always stay. - Love Amy, Colin, Edward, Katie and the grandchildren

MUIR - Treasured memories of our dear brother and uncle, Jim, died August 20, 2011. Always in our thoughts. - Jean, Jessie and family

CHURCH NOTICES

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



I rejoiced with those who said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord. Psalm 122 verse 1

Our building is open for Sunday services.

You would be welcome this **Sunday, 23rd August at 11am** when Akua Ampofo-Asare will be conducting the service.

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Sunday 23rd August 3pm

Worship service
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George Street, Campbeltown



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Rev Rodger Crooks
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Wednesday 26th August
12 noon
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Covid-19 Government guidelines apply to all meetings
All welcome
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ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
Sunday 23rd August 2020

"Hear the cry and the prayer" (1 Kings 8:28)
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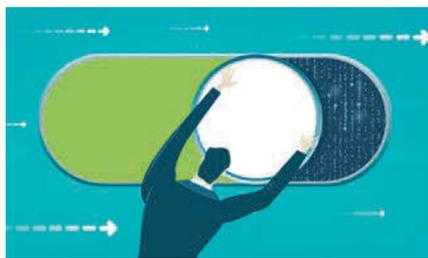
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Championship number 16 for Ailie MacBrayne

The third and final round of Dunaverty Golf Club's 'very competitive' 2020 ladies' championship was played on Saturday.

The results of the first two rounds made this year's competition close with only five shots separating the first three ladies who, as custom demands, teed off last and played together.

Defending champion Lindsay Garrett was two clear of Ailie MacBrayne, with Nichola Kidd hard on their heels.

Five shots may sound like quite a lot but with one bad hole for one and a birdie for

another this can be wiped out. This was nearly the case as the whole round was 'nip and tuck' with first one, then another making incredible shots to stay in contention.

Nichola put everything she had into taking what would have been her first title by carding a magnificent 73. This was not only the best scratch score on the day but the best of the whole three rounds.

However, Ailie MacBrayne's final round of 74 with 11 pars, kept her two shots clear and clinched her 16th championship title with a score of 77+77+74=228.



From left: The 2020 ladies' champion, Ailie MacBrayne, lady captain Eleanor Hawkins and handicap champion Katie Cappello.

Finishing second equal were Lindsay Garrett (76+76+78=230) and Nichola Kidd (81+76+73=230).

The handicap championship was also a close affair until Katie Cappello played a brilliant final round to take the title with 68+67+58=193.

Players chip in to benefit cancer support charity

The Kintyre branch of Macmillan Cancer Support was the beneficiary of the golf played by ladies from Lochgilphead, Machrihanish and Dunaverty on Sunday.

Normally played on a Tuesday in May, this year's event had to be postponed until guidelines permitted it.

Twenty-nine ladies took to Dunaverty Golf Course, which was in superb condition and, despite the strong wind, the dry fairways helped the golf balls on their way.

The early players' scores were close with five all within four shots of each other, until Machrihanish's Linda McFadyen turned in a card six better than her nearest rival.

Linda McFadyen was the winner (101-36=65), Myra Sperrings from Machrihanish was second (86-19=67 bih), and Lindsay Garrett from Dunaverty was third (78-11=67).

Best scratch was Dunaverty's Ailie MacBrayne with 75.

Captain Eleanor Hawkins thanked the greenkeepers, Ailie Goddard and Rona for the catering, Kate and Donnie McKerral for their sponsorship of the event, and gave a special thanks to the competitors and all who donated and bought raffle tickets for the very worthy cause.

More than £500 will be donated to Macmillan's Kintyre branch.

Around the greens: Kintyre golfers catch up on competitions

Dunaverty

The Charles Hunter ladies' competition at Dunaverty Golf Club is usually a two-round event, however round one was due to take place on the day of the flood and land slip and was therefore cancelled.

Tuesday August 11 was a different day altogether for the now-reduced one-round competition.

The ladies were in fine form enjoying the great conditions both weather-wise and the course in fabulous condition.

Thirteen played with six carding nett scores in the 60s, however, these scores were out-shined by a gross 69 (10) 59 from Ailie MacBrayne, achieved with 10 pars, and birdies at the fourth and 17th holes.

Second place went to Margaret Macfarlane 87 (25) 62 who also gained a birdie at the 13th hole and third was Linda Brannigan 89 (26) 63 BIH from Mary Wilson 91 (28) 63.

Dunaverty's gents were in action

last weekend, when 15 teams of three competed in the club's annual Texas Scramble on Saturday. It was a perfect day for golf and the leading scores were very close with less than a full stroke covering the top four places.

Greenkeepers David Scullion and Campbell MacBrayne had the course in superb condition.

The team of David MacBrayne, Fraser MacBrayne and Jake MacMillan set the pace in the morning session with an excellent total of 53.4. This held the lead until the afternoon teams took to the field and it was the threesome of Don Hardman, Stuart McLachlan and Neil Brodie who came to the fore by the narrowest of margins when they produced a total of 53.3.

Result: 1 D Hardman, S McLachlan, N Brodie, 53.3, 2 D MacBrayne, F MacBrayne, J MacMillan 53.4 (bih), 3 R Coffield, A Goddard, T Morran Jnr, 53.4, 4 N Barlow, R Cook, B Hone 54, 5 B Dalziel, K McGeachy, J Wareham,

55.1, 6 J Docherty, R McGarrie, D Sargent, 55.8.

The following day had another close finish when 25 members turned out for the July Medal.

Ross Sinclair carded a sparkling round of 66 for a nett 61 only to be overtaken by David Hanley whose round of 67 gave him a nett total of 59, and this proved to be a winning score.

Veteran Sandy Watson, going out in 40 but coming back in a superb 35, took third place with a nett 63.

Result: 1 David Hanley 67-8=58, 2 Ross Sinclair, 66-5=61, 3 Sandy Watson 40-35=63 (bih), 4 Keith Crawford 68-5=63, 5 Robert Coffield 74-9=65, 6 Neil Barlow 92-26=66.

Tarbert

The course at Tarbert Golf Club was in fantastic condition for last Saturday's competitions thanks to greenkeepers Graham and John's non-stop work the week prior, and with the sun shining,

some good golf was anticipated.

The over 55s were competing for the James Johnson Cup with the youngsters competing for the August Medal.

The James Johnson competition was a close affair, with Iain Macalister taking the honours with a nett 66, beating both Steve Bleasby and Malcolm McAlpine by one shot.

In the medal, Iain Johnstone Jnr continued his impressive form of late with a 70-12 for a nett 58 and a handicap reduction of one. Iain started with a seven but recovered well to complete the remaining holes in one over par.

Club captain Kenny MacFarlane was next on 64 and James Smyth third on 66.

In the Cairns Christie semi-final, James Smyth defeated John MacNab. He awaits either Steve Bleasby or Peter McLean Jnr in the final.

This weekend sees the start of the club championship with the first and second rounds set to take place.





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