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# Anchor system fails as storm hits Carradale salmon farm

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Quick reaction from staff and contractors resulted in fewer fish escaping from a salmon farm off Carradale's coast than originally feared after 10 cages shifted position during Storm Ellen last Thursday.

While initial reports suggested that as many as 550,000 farmed salmon could have escaped from the Carradale North farm into the Kilbrannan Sound when the circular pens became detached from their seabed anchors, the site's owner, Mowi Scotland, said on Tuesday that the number of escapees was actually 48,834.

There have been reports of the escaped salmon being predated upon by seals and other wildlife while several Kintyre anglers rushed to East Kintyre in an attempt to catch any fish that came close to shore.

Despite stories circulating about 'deformities' in the escaped fish, Mowi insists that the salmon raised at the Carradale North farm are

healthy, with some having already been processed for market.

The company's immediate priority when the incident took place was to secure the fish pens - which contained 550,700 salmon, weighing about 4.2kg each - in place until the storm subsided, and to safeguard staff, contractors

**Of the salmon contained within the four compromised pens, 125,900 were harvested, 30,616 died and 48,834 escaped**

and fish stock. This was achieved by last Saturday, with teams of trained staff and service contractors and up to 12 vessels at the site during the recovery operation, which was completed without injury or incident.

By Monday, August 25, the farm was secured back in its proper location and all 10 pens

were either visually inspected for integrity or inventoried.

A Mowi spokesperson said: 'Following thorough inspection by dive teams, the root cause of the incident appears to be breakage of mooring ropes that attach to the main system of seabed anchors.'

'The farm was installed five years ago according to the Marine Scotland A Technical Standard for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture, and the infrastructure inspected three months ago.'

'The rope type is marine grade, 4.8cm in diameter, with a break strength of 89.5 tonnes - roughly twice the maximum strength required for its application, ranging from 33 tonnes to 51 tonnes.'

'The rope has been sent to third-party testing facilities in Aberdeen, with further investigation to follow.'

Of the 10 pens, Mowi revealed that six were found to be structurally sound with fish in good condition and are now secured back in their original

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## Rugby stars get on their bikes for charity



With virtually no cycling experience between them, four Scottish rugby stars got on their bikes in Campbeltown last Friday to cycle the 234-mile Caledonia Way to Inverness in 36 hours for charity.

Despite setting off on the wrong lane of Hall

Street, retired rugby internationals Ruaridh Jackson, Ryan Grant, Andrew Easson and Richie Vernon were soon on the right track and arrived at their destination ahead of schedule.

For more, see page two. Photograph: Kenny Craig.

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## POLICE FILES

**Youths fighting**

A large group of youths was allegedly involved in a disturbance at about 2.55am on Sunday August 16, in the grounds of the Lorne and Lowland Church, Longrow, Campbeltown, during which some members of the group were fighting.

**Tablets found**

A 40-year-old woman was searched by police at about 10.40pm on Tuesday August 18, in Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, and was allegedly found in possession of a large number of tablets. The tablets will be sent for analysis and, if found to be controlled drugs, a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

**Careless driving**

Police are appealing for witnesses after a white van with a poppy on the front grille was reported being driven in a careless manner, while attempting to carry out an overtake manoeuvre on the A83 near to Glenraigs Farm, Campbeltown, at about 8.20pm on Thursday August 20.

The van aborted the overtake manoeuvre but two oncoming northbound vehicles collided while taking evasive action to avoid a collision with the van.

**Window smashed**

Police are investigating after someone smashed the window of a flat on Longrow, Campbeltown, by throwing a stone through it at about 1am on Sunday August 23.

**Alarming behaviour**

A 26-year-old man was arrested and charged after allegedly behaving in an alarming manner at about 2.45am on Sunday August 23, at Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown.

**Woman assaulted**

An 18-year-old man allegedly assaulted a woman at about 11pm on Saturday August 22, in Jamieson Street, Bowmore, Islay. He was later arrested and charged with the offence.

# Rugby internationals complete Caledonia Way charity cycle challenge

Four retired rugby internationals with virtually no cycling experience made it to Inverness just 34 hours after they left Campbeltown.

Starting last Friday morning, they completed their Tries2Trials charity challenge two hours ahead of schedule.

Ruaridh Jackson, who earned 33 caps between 2010 and 2018; Richie Vernon, the first man to go to World Cups for Scotland as a forward then as a back; Ryan Grant, the former Scotland prop and 2009 Lions tourist; and Andrew Easson, the former Edinburgh and Scotland Sevens player, set off from Campbeltown at 8am aiming to cycle the 234-mile Caledonia Way in 36 hours in a bid to raise money for Doddie Weir's My Name's Doddie Foundation and Unite Against Cancer.

They set a fundraising target of £5,000 but, when the



The four stayed the night after cycling from Campbeltown.

Courier went to print, the total stood at more than £8,000.

Speaking on Sunday, Jackson said: 'We made really good time on Saturday which was a surprise for us and there was a huge relief getting over the line as we were all running on empty.'

'I would say everyone managed to keep spirits high and there was a lot of laughter and

enjoyment amongst the tough times.'

'The beers went down great after and we were humbled by everyone's support throughout, from donations, to locals coming out and cheering us. It was amazing to see.'

The funding page remains open. To donate, go to the Cycling the Caledonia Way gofundme page.

## Tribute to fallen Merchant Navy sailors continues

The memory of Merchant Navy seamen lost in battle continues to live on thanks to a former sailor from Drumlemble.

Each year on Merchant Navy Day, John Manning, aged 87, places a personal wreath at Campbeltown War Memorial in memory of his friends and fellow merchant seamen.

He will be doing so again this year, on Wednesday September 3, and will also take part in two minutes' silence at eight bells, known to laymen as midday.

Anyone interested is welcome to join John for this brief remembrance.

The merchant marine service was given the title of Merchant Navy by King George V at the end of World War One in recognition of the role it played in the logistical supply of food, munitions and manpower in the 'war to end all wars'.

It was not until 1999 that the government created an official memorial day in honour of the Merchant Navy.

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# Horse rider appeals for considerate driving

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An experienced horse rider, who regularly rides on Kintyre's roads with her two young daughters, is appealing to drivers to be more considerate after a spate of near misses with cars in recent months.

Mairi Ralston, from Rhoin Farm, contacted the Courier after noticing an increase in drivers behaving inconsiderately by passing her and her daughters, Erin, 11, and eight-year-old Louise, too quickly and closely while they rode in the Sound of Kintyre and Moss Road areas.

She said: 'The standard of driving can be awful. People seem to be unaware of how to pass horses safely or of what a rider's hand signals mean.'

'A common occurrence is cars overtaking us when there are oncoming cars - because

we're slow they think they can nip in. We have to put our hands up, asking them to wait, but many times they overtake anyway and end up swinging in because the other car is coming.'

Mairi explained that her horses are used to farm machinery and heavy lorries from the nearby McKerral's yard and that it is most often something else which gives them a fright.

She said: 'All of our horses are very safe on the road and traffic really doesn't bother them - it's when things happen like birds flying out of hedges, people's washing cracking on the line, or balloons at someone's garden gate - these are all things that can spook the horses, causing them to shoot across the road. If a car is passing us at 60 miles per hour, there isn't much room to stop.'

The riders do everything

they can to make being on the road as safe as possible, always wearing high visibility clothing and strips on their hats, and Mairi usually attaches a camera to her hat.

'My horse wears a big fluorescent sheet over his back end,' she added, 'so it's not like people can't see us.'

Mairi hopes that highlighting the issue and reminding people of the correct way to pass horses may help to prevent an accident in the future, especially in a rural area with such a large horse riding community.

'There probably aren't many days that there aren't horses on the road somewhere in Kintyre,' she said, 'and nobody is going to come off well if a car hits a horse.'

Mairi, who passed her road safety test for horses when she was 12, added that most drivers are considerate but it



Mairi Ralston and her daughters, 11-year-old Erin and eight-year-old Louise, during a recent outing on their horses.

is the inconsiderate minority who poses the danger.

'We just want people to be a wee bit more patient,' she said. 'We don't want to be hurt but drivers won't want their cars damaged either. My horse weighs almost a tonne, so a car isn't going to look good if it hits it!'

A Police Scotland spokesperson said that the force receives reports of incidents like those described by Mairi from time to time, and added: 'Advice for drivers would be to expect horses, cyclists and pedestrians on country roads and drive appropriately, with care and according to the conditions and view ahead.'

'If you meet a horse and rider while driving, slow down and, if appropriate and safe, stop your vehicle and switch off the engine and allow the horse and rider to pass you and drive away slowly.'

'When you come up behind a horse and rider ahead, slow down and keep well back, at least three car lengths, be patient and wait for the rider to signal you to pass. When passing, drive slowly with low revs and try to keep at least a car's width away from the horse.'

## Salmon escape from Carradale fish farm

Continued from page one. position. The remaining four pens were structurally compromised, with two experiencing torn nets.

Of the salmon contained within the four compromised pens, 125,900 were harvested, 30,616 died and 48,834 escaped.

The company informed watchdog Marine Scotland of the incident and the potential for fish escape immediately and key stakeholders were informed within 12 hours.

Environmental campaigners were quick to voice their concerns about escaped farm salmon potentially breeding with wild Scottish salmon.

Mowi is working with Marine Scotland and Fisheries Management Scotland to finalise a monitoring and mitigation plan in an attempt to minimise the number of farmed fish entering the rivers draining into the Firth of Clyde.

Mowi told the Courier it continues to engage with local and national wild fisheries groups to monitor and assess the presence or absence of salmonid genetic introgression.

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# ACHA residents forced to remove outdoor seating

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A group of residents who clubbed together and purchased outdoor seating for a communal area at Meadowburn have been left 'gobsmacked' and 'devastated' after Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) instructed them to remove it.

When lockdown came into effect and people were no longer allowed to enter each other's homes, the neighbours purchased a second-hand wooden seating table for the outside area to encourage all neighbours, especially those who are elderly and on their own, to chat to each other at a safe distance.

George Harrison, one of the residents who contributed, said: 'It created a resurgence in neighbourly spirit and a sense of close community which was lacking before lockdown. We then decided to chip in and purchase some more seating for the outside communal area for more neighbours to have the opportunity to enjoy company and have a chat.'

'However we recently received a letter from ACHA,

instructing us to remove all furniture from the square.'

The letter from ACHA requested that 'all items of furniture' be removed from the front of the building as it 'restricts other residents from using the area' and 'can cause a disturbance with gatherings in the area'.

In response to ACHA, Mr Harrison wrote: 'Previously no one went near the ant-infested square until we began to weed and cut the grass at the close, put out very nice pot plants, purchased a seating area, and kept the close and outside area immaculate.'

'Obviously you do not encourage neighbours trying to improve the outside area that you own.'

ACHA said that although the garden furniture 'may be beneficial to some residents', it 'can cause a disturbance and be intimidating for others'.

The housing association also pointed out that it does not generally carry out pest control in common areas and suggested that concerned residents carry out pest control measures themselves.

Mr Harrison said: 'We all understand there are rules and



The additional seating, which has now been removed, that residents purchased for a communal area at Meadowburn.

regulations, but surely ACHA could have approached the situation in a more sympathetic and supportive way.

'An ideal outcome would have been some sort of communication and negotiation between neighbours and ACHA to try and achieve a communal area to which all neighbours could have contributed and could utilise, with assistance and guidance from ACHA.'

'We are all devastated that we are unable to meet, chat and have a cup of tea with our neighbours in the seating area anymore. We started to create and build a closer and friendlier neighbourhood, which was never the case before. People

used to walk by without saying hello, but that changed with the creation of that outside seating area.'

'I wish ACHA would have been more impartial and had seen that there was a great opportunity to build on what we were doing here at Meadowburn.'

An ACHA spokesperson told the Courier: 'ACHA is always delighted to see tenants and residents taking pride in their local area and making improvements. In this instance, ACHA had been made aware of concerns raised by a number of tenants who indicated they were being disturbed at night.'

'ACHA sought the views of local residents. Although the majority of those contacted were in favour of retaining the seating, there remained a proportion of those contacted who were opposed to it.'

'On reflection we felt it would be appropriate to ask for the seating to be removed. The area in question is common ground and we felt, on balance, this was in the collective best interest of all residents. The residents at Meadowburn comprise a mix of ACHA tenants and also private owners.'



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# CS Wind owners lose appeal over factory equipment

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Three Kintyre councillors have welcomed a ruling that confirms wind tower manufacturers CS Wind cannot remove equipment from its Machrihanish site.

CS Wind instructed lawyers to go to the Inner House of the Court of Session – the highest appeal court in Scotland – in a bid to remove an interim interdict placed on it last March but, it was revealed last week, that the appeal judges upheld the original decision.

A judgement issued by the court states the business received 'substantial' funding from Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) to help it produce the energy generators, and in return agreed

to 'various limitations' on its activities until March 2021.

However, HIE feared that the South Korean-owned company was removing key equipment from the site – which would breach the agreement – after CS Wind expressed fears about the sustainability of the business and made 75 per cent of its 94 employees redundant.

This prompted HIE to obtain an interim interdict preventing CS Wind – which made a £27 million investment in the site in 2016 and reported pre-tax profits in excess of £7 million in 2018 – from removing the equipment.

Lawyers acting for CS Wind told Inner House judges Lord Carloway, Lord Malcolm and Lord Menzies that the interdict was unlawful, claiming that the agreement between the wind tower manufacturer

and HIE did not cover plant equipment used at the site – although their clients did not have any intention of removing it – and argued the judge who passed the interim interdict didn't follow the correct legal tests when considering the case.

However, the Court of Session judges refused to overturn the interim interdict and said their colleague acted correctly.

In giving the court's decision, Lord Malcolm wrote: 'Suffice to say that, having considered all the submissions, both oral and written, we have identified no good reason to criticise the view taken by the commercial judge on the question of prima facie case.'

'For the above reasons, the reclaiming motion is refused and the action will be remitted

to the commercial roll for further procedure.'

Councillor John Armour, one of four councillors who co-signed an open letter to the owners of CS Wind urging them to seek orders for the Machrihanish factory or let others take over the operation, said: 'I am pleased but not in the least surprised that the judges did not agree to overturning the original decision. I now see CS Wind wants to talk to those of us who were signatories to the letter to look at a way forward.'

'While I welcome that, we need to see evidence that new contracts are being sought and these talks don't just become a way of CS Wind asking the government for more financial support. The Scottish Government and HIE have been more than generous and,



CS Wind is the UK's only manufacturer of wind towers.

when talking to some of the local workers, they were very keen to stress that throwing more money at CS Wind was not the answer.'

Councillor Anne Horn added: 'As CS Wind does not appear to be making any attempt to attract contracts it should now be incumbent on the company to vacate the premises at Machrihanish to allow for development that will encourage economic growth in Kintyre.'

'It is imperative that the equipment remains at the site to allow for future development in the renewable industry and

the employment opportunities that will bring to the area.'

Councillor Rory Colville said: 'We have to make all opportunities for the Kintyre economy work. Our geography and local expertise bring key opportunities for the renewable energy sector among others.'

'The judgement from the Inner House refers to further legal procedures, so it would not be appropriate to comment in detail on this outcome.'

Councillor Donald Kelly also signed the letter.

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## Freezers full of salmon

If local reports are to be believed and freezers in East Kintyre really are bursting with salmon, there can be barely any of the escaped fish still in the Kilbrannan Sound!

In seriousness though, nobody wants farmed salmon being released into the wild but thankfully, on this occasion, far fewer escaped than initially feared, and hopefully mitigation measures will prevent those which have made a bid for freedom from having too much of an effect on wild salmon.

## Road safety

Mairi Ralston has highlighted an important issue in this week's paper. Her appeal to drivers to behave more considerately around horses is particularly relevant in a rural location like Kintyre where riders are regularly on the road.

As many people seem unsure how to safely pass horses, perhaps this is something which should be included in driving theory tests in rural areas.

## Where is the sense?

It is hard to understand ACHA's decision to ask residents at Meadowburn to remove seating they purchased themselves and put in place in a communal area to benefit all residents, especially at a time when people may be feeling socially isolated.

It is completely reasonable to ask residents to keep noise down late at night but why couldn't the furniture have been used at other times, especially as most residents were in favour of keeping it?

## Help for families with disabled children

Recent research from the Disabled Children's Partnership found that 66 per cent of families with disabled children in Scotland have been providing a lot more care during lockdown and many continue to do so despite restrictions easing.

The current national emergency has compounded the challenges many parents of disabled children faced. And added layers of new ones as respite, therapies, care and schooling arrangements were largely stopped or changed and usual routines disrupted.

Contact, the charity for families with disabled children, is offering a helping hand to families in Argyll and Bute during this difficult time.

Family support appointments: We've launched free one-to-one telephone appointments with a family support adviser for parent carers looking for a listening ear, reassurance and practical and emotional support.

Workshops: We are running free virtual workshops on topics such as sleep, behaviour, wellbeing, money matters, and speech and language, to provide additional support for families who may be struggling during this crisis.

Families who have a disabled child can make an appointment or find out more details on the Contact website: [www.contact.org.uk/covid-response-services/](http://www.contact.org.uk/covid-response-services/)

Susan Walls,  
Contact Scotland.

## Join Age Scotland's Big Wheesht challenge

Age Scotland is asking people living in Argyll to join Scottish comedian and broadcaster Fred MacAulay in supporting our latest fundraising challenge to Haud Yer Wheesht.

The Big Wheesht launches on September 1 and we are urging as many people as possible to sign up for a sponsored silence with a difference.

The fundraising challenge invites individuals, families, businesses and other organisations to choose an innovative way to Haud Yer Wheesht. Participants can be sponsored to switch off their

phones, stay away from social media, hold a silent disco or simply sit in silence.

The challenge is fun but the message is designed to highlight the unwelcome silence that so many older people live with every day.

Isolation and chronic loneliness affect tens of thousands of older people across the country. Recent Age Scotland figures showed that more than 200,000 older people can go up to half a week without talking to anyone.

The situation has grown significantly worse during the coronavirus pandemic, with older people who were shielding feeling increasingly cut off from family, friends and their community.

The Big Wheesht will raise money for Age Scotland's free national friendship line, which is a life-enhancing resource for older people looking for someone to chat to and a friendly ear to listen. The more money raised, the more friendship calls the service will be able to offer those in need.

For most of us, the prospect of some peace and quiet might sound like a welcome break from the daily chatter. But take a moment to think about what it feels like to know that the silence won't be broken with a phone call or a knock on the door.

That is the sad reality for thousands of older people in Argyll who can go up to half a week without hearing from or speaking to anyone. We believe that figure will be even higher now for older people who have been shielding and endured four long months unable to get out and about or see family and friends in person.

The severe effects of prolonged loneliness on older people's health include greater risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, depression and developing dementia. We need to do everything we can to stop older people feeling isolated.

I would urge everyone to sign up to the Big Wheesht. The more people who take part, the more money we can use to combat the scourge of loneliness and help older people at a time when they need support more than ever.

So I ask you, will you Haud Yer Wheesht to raise funds to improve the lives of older people in Scotland? We look forward to welcoming you on board.

Anyone who would like to take part in Age

Scotland's Big Wheesht can register online by visiting [www.age.scot/bigwheesht](http://www.age.scot/bigwheesht)

Brian Sloan,  
Age Scotland's chief executive.

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We're urging dog owners and their four-legged friends to put their best paw forward and support our vital service by signing up to the World Big Dog Walk Challenge.

Joining celebrities and animal lovers across the UK, all you need to do is choose a suitable distance for you and your dog to complete during September. This could be your regular 'walkies' route around your local park or why not stretch yourself and take on a more challenging distance?

Whatever the distance, every small step will make a big difference to the lives of poorly pets in desperate need of life-saving treatment.

Our veterinary service has been a lifeline to so many pets and their owners across the UK during the crisis so by choosing to support PDSA through this fun virtual event, we can continue our vital work saving sick and injured pets in need.

Visit [www.pdsa.org.uk/worldbigdogwalk](http://www.pdsa.org.uk/worldbigdogwalk) for more information and to sign up.

Lynne James,  
PDSA vet.

## Franchise for independence referendum vote

I was struck to note the recent furore over the

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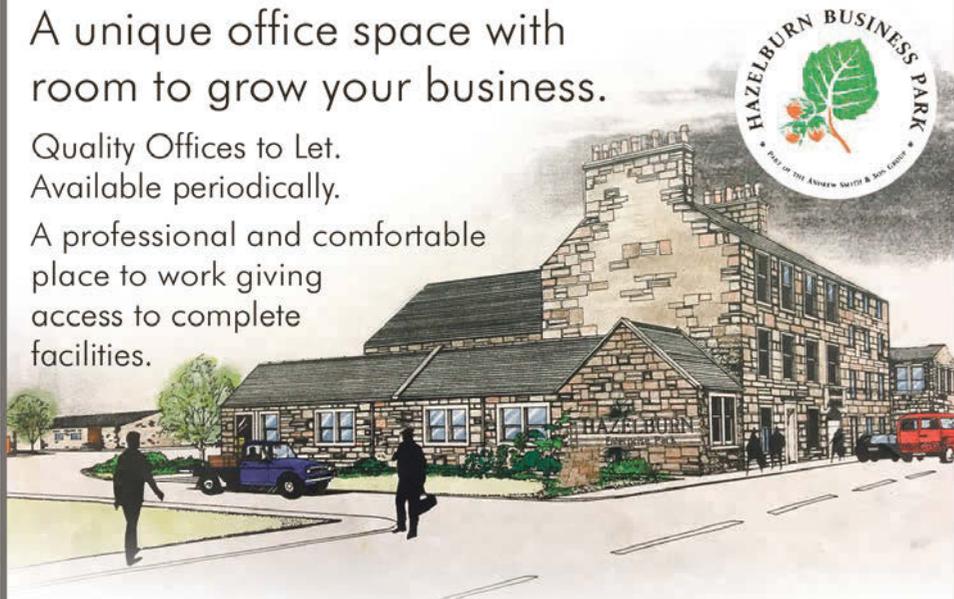
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idea that those Scots in the rest of the UK should be given the right to vote in any forthcoming independence referendum.

This, of course, highlights the worst excesses of ethnic nationalism. The actions of a British government which, it should be remembered, excluded EU nationals from the right to vote in the EU referendum despite the fact they live here, yet allowed British citizens living abroad the right to participate.

This is opposed to the civic nationalism of the Scottish Government, that those living in Scotland should dictate the nation's constitutional future, pure and simple.

The precedent for this franchise was established in the devolution referendum of 1997 and the independence referendum of 2014, so it would be odd to alter it on this occasion.

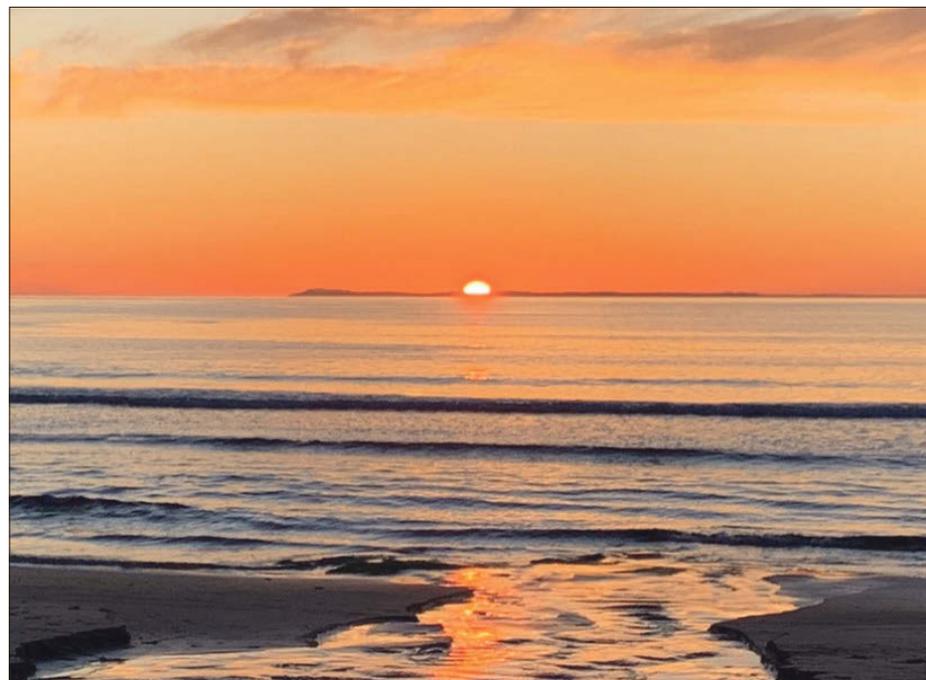
Not trying to be too cynical, but with the Unionist side now well behind there may be a belief that this vote can somehow be gerrymandered by opening it up to those Scots, however that is defined, living in the rest of the UK.

One can imagine the outcry there would be however should those Scots, who don't even live in Scotland, tilt the balance in favour of the nation remaining in the Union or indeed becoming independent.

It is, of course, only right and proper that those living in Scotland should dictate our future and all attempts should be made to resist any alternative.

Alex Orr,  
Edinburgh.

## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's photograph of a striking sunset was sent in Jonathon McCreadie from Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire. Jonathon used his mobile phone to take the photograph on 'a beautiful August walk at Machrihanish beach' during a recent holiday to visit family living in Campbeltown.

If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to [editor@campbeltown-courier.co.uk](mailto:editor@campbeltown-courier.co.uk), send it to us via the Courier's Facebook page or bring it into the Courier office to be copied.

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## FROM OUR FILES

## TEN YEARS AGO

Friday 27 August 2010

## 'Great year' for Kintyre golf course

Machrihanish Dunes is having a 'great year' thanks to the world-wide attention the golf course has received.

Kintyre's newest golf course, which opened to the public last July, comprises the Old Clubhouse pub, and Ugadale Golf Cottages with other projects in the area in the pipeline.

Nancy Powers, spokeswoman for Machrihanish Dunes, told The Courier: "The Old Clubhouse pub has been busier than we expected as well as the golf cottages letting programme – it's always a full house!"

Despite the golf course and pub doing well the seasonal fractional ownership at the cottages has been slow due to the current economic climate.

Nancy said: "People are exploring their options and becoming more confident and we expect to see sales increase in 2011."

## TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday 1 September, 1995

## Goodbye tights!

Tights could soon be a thing of the past – at least when it comes to the Skipness water supply.

At the moment the Crow Glen water supply is filtered through a pair of tights.

But Greentop Lands and Estates Ltd which owns the Claonaig Estate, has announced it is



In 2010: The main prizewinners of a fund raising competition at Machrihanish Golf Course with Evelyn Halliday and Catherine McGoughan from the Lymphoma and Leukaemia Research committee.

upgrading the water supply and storage system.

A spokesman for Scottish Woodlands, which manages the estate, said the quality of the water supply had been causing concern, especially at Skipness Primary School.

Fintry-based MCK Construction has already begun work on the new water system and hopes to avoid any disruption to supplies.

The scheme will qualify for a grant from Strathclyde Regional Council and applications for financial assistance are being made to Argyll and Bute District Council and Argyll and the Islands Enterprise.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

Friday 27 August, 1970

## Concorde West Coast

It is possible that the trials of the Concorde,

which have been held over England and the North Sea, will begin next week over the west of Scotland.

The Concorde will travel over the west coast of Arran, near Bute, and over parts of West Argyll.

A team of engineers from Glasgow University went to Oban on Monday to conduct tests on possible damage to buildings resulting from the sonic booms.

The team expects to stay until the end of September.

Concorde has recently been fitted with new and more powerful engines and has broken the sound barrier on flights during the past fortnight. The speed of sound is around 750 miles per hour, and during an 87-minute flight Concorde reached a speed of 1.15 per cent over that, its maximum altitude being 35,000 feet. During flights, starting in six or seven weeks,

the aircraft is expected to travel up to twice the speed of sound.

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Friday August 28, 1920

## Presentation to Mr Neil M'Lachlan

On Tuesday evening, in the Orange Hall, a meeting of the members of the Campbeltown Branch of the Scottish Union of Dock Labourers was held for the purpose of honouring Mr Neil M'Lachlan on the occasion of his retirement from the secretaryship of the branch after holding the position for eight years. There was a large attendance.

The presentation took the form of a wallet of Treasury Notes, and was made by Mr Duncan M'Callum, who referred to the fact that Mr M'Lachlan had been secretary of the branch of their Union from the time of its inception here.

He had given most valuable and acceptable service as an organiser for over eight years, and they wished him all success in the venture he had decided upon on his own behalf.

Mr M'Lachlan modestly and appropriately replied, thanking the subscribers for the handsome manner in which they were recognising his services on this occasion. He wished the branch all prosperity in the future.

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**With this year's Kintyre Agricultural Society show cancelled because of the coronavirus pandemic, secretary John Armour looks back on some of the highlights of the show since its inception in 1854.**

As mentioned previously, the society had to move from Kintyre Park when the then new Campbeltown Grammar School started to be built in 1967 but this was obviously in directors' minds long before it became a reality.

In April 1951 a committee was formed to look at Anderston but nothing came of it. In May 1959 it was reported that Kintyre Park may be required for a major building project and it was reported to a meeting in February 1960 that 'there was no hope of having the show in Kintyre park beyond 1961'.

A committee was formed to look at Anderston again. It reported that the field was suitable for holding the show and for car parking. In March 1961, President John Barbour, Machribeg, said that Miss Andrew, the owner of Anderston Park, was willing to sell and that the society would get the first opportunity to buy it.

Directors agreed unanimously to put the proposal to an extraordinary general meeting of members. On a proposal from Colonel Hamish Taylor, seconded by David McKerral, it was unanimously agreed to

go ahead with purchasing the field.

The meeting also proposed to negotiate the neighbouring strips of land at Whinhill from Argyll Estates.

On May 19 1961 the president announced to directors that the society had become owners of the fields on May 15. The new school, however, took a little longer than planned to be built and the show continued in Kintyre Park for another five years.

The 100th show was held on Friday June 4 1965. The Courier report of the show said: 'It was an unqualified success. The quality of all sections of livestock was exceptional and spoke eloquently about the progress in both breeding and showing since the first show in 1855.'

'Kintyre Park as usual provided a splendid setting for the event and it was a pity the weather did not match the enthusiasm of the exhibitors and organisers. It was dull and cloudy most of the day and this undoubtedly prevented there being a bumper gate.'

'The attendance was still good and there had never been such an array of stands, 31 in all. The parade was one of the

finest ever seen.'

The champion Ayrshire went to Donald Armour, Kilkeddan, the Clydesdale championship was won by David Smith, Airdaluinn, the beef championship went to J

& A Reid, Calliburn, and the Blackface champion went to John Warnock, Killacraw.

The photos of Donald Armour, Kilkeddan, receiving the Tom Douglas Cup, and the Duke of Argyll presenting long service certificates have been kindly provided by The Scottish Farmer. Copies can be obtained by visiting the following link: <https://thescottishfarmer.newsprints.co.uk/search/bykw/p/u/0/3/campbeltown>



Donald Armour, Kilkeddan, receives the Tom Douglas Cup from the Duke of Argyll for the 1959 champion Ayrshire.



The Duke of Argyll presenting long service certificates at the 1956 show.



Current president Drew McKendrick, left, in 1992, with the salver for the best pen of prime lambs, alongside Ian McConnell, High Dalrioch, and Jimmy Watson, formerly of Lossit estate.

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# Little Princess Trust hair hero

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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Seven-year-old Campbeltown girl Mia McConnachie returned to primary school this month with a weight off her shoulders – literally – after having eight inches (20cm) of her hair cut off to make wigs for children affected by hair loss.

Mia, who has just started P3 at Dalintober Primary School, not only donated her own locks to the Little Princess Trust, but she also raised £1,160 in sponsorship, which is enough to fund the creation of at least two wigs at a cost of £550 each.

## Inspired

The youngster was inspired to help the Little Princess Trust, a UK charity that provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their hair as a result of cancer treatment or other illnesses, after seeing a video advertisement on social media.

In response to being unable to accept hair donations because of the coronavirus pandemic, the charity launched its 'Let It Grow!' campaign,



Before and after: Mia, left, after letting her hair grow long over lockdown and, right, sporting her new hairstyle and holding the hair she is donating to the Little Princess Trust.

encouraging people to grow their hair during lockdown in the hope of receiving donations of longer hair once things returned to normal.

Mia embraced the challenge and, having not had her hair cut since long before lockdown, she was able to donate one inch more than the seven-inch minimum.

On Wednesday, August 5, Mia visited hairdresser Iona MacLean – who happens to

be her best friend's mum – at The Salon, to have her hair cut and her remaining hair transformed into a grown up, shoulder-length bob.

Asked if she was nervous about having so much of her hair taken off, Mia said she was excited because her hair will be used in wigs for sick children.

She added that she was also excited because she knew it would take half the time to wash and brush. She said: 'I am

really, really happy with all the money I raised to make two wigs – my hair grows back very very quickly so I wasn't scared getting it cut. Hopefully it will be long enough for my Highland dancing bun again next year.'

Mia's family and friends told the Courier they were very proud of her, adding: 'For such a young girl, she has raised so much money to help people who need it.'



The Officers Mess at MACC Business Park was transformed into a temporary recording studio so sets could be specially recorded for the virtual festival.

Photograph: MOK Fest.

## Virtual MOKFest success

The organisers of the 2020 Virtual Mull Of Kintyre Music Festival (MOKFest) are 'delighted' by the unique online event's success.

All five nights of the festival, which saw specially recorded sets and previous festival performances streamed on the MOKFest Facebook page, reached a huge audience of more than 150,000, with the viewing figures for the five concerts and promotional videos well in excess of 50,000.

Held in place of the regular, scheduled festival which had to be cancelled because of coronavirus restrictions, the virtual festival was held last week, from Wednesday August 19 to Sunday August 23 and included five virtual concerts – the Beinn an Tuirc Gaelic Night, the Young Folk Night, the Kilkerran Ceilidh Night, the Glen Scotia West Coast Rocks Concert, and Survivors Night.

Event manager Iain Johnston, of JIG Events, said: 'We are absolutely delighted with the way the event went and with the number of people who viewed each night. You can view the concerts on our Facebook page, listen to music from past MOK Fest artists on Spotify and we plan to create our own YouTube channel where we can upload all the concerts and promos for a new audience to view.'



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# £6M fund launched to support events industry

A £6 million fund has been set up to help the events sector recover from the Covid-19 pandemic while restrictions on the sector are still in place, VisitScotland announced on Monday.

The Events Industry Support Fund will comprise a one-off grant of £10,000 to support businesses in the events industry, particularly those in the supply chain, that are facing hardship and will be awarded as applications are received.

The fund is being delivered on behalf of the Scottish Government by VisitScotland and its EventScotland team, with development input from the newly formed Event Industry Advisory Group (EIAG).

The funding was announced by Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture, on July 26, as part of a £10 million package of support to help the events industry, parts of which are not yet able to reopen, and those which can be operating with limited numbers and other changes in light of the pandemic.

The fund will support businesses which have not received Scottish Government sponsored Covid-related funding from other schemes and which meet the eligibility criteria.

Applications for the fund will open from midday on Monday (August 31) and can be made until midday on September 14, with full details on the application process and requirements available at: [www.visitscotland.org/events/funding/coronavirus-support-fund](http://www.visitscotland.org/events/funding/coronavirus-support-fund)

Ms Hyslop said: 'We know the events sector has been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic and whilst we have set out indicative dates for a staged return of the industry, difficulties will continue for a long time to come.'

Paul Bush OBE, VisitScotland's director of events, said: 'The events industry has been devastated by the coronavirus pandemic as one of the first industries to stop and it will be one of the last to restart.'

'There is a desperate need for support and this £6 million Scottish Government fund will help a number of businesses in

the short-term until we can start to run events again.'

This fund is open to the self-employed (through limited company or as a sole trader), partnerships and incorporated businesses who can demonstrate that supply to, organisation of and/or delivery of/to events in Scotland repre-

sents their primary source of income and that they earned a minimum of £10,000 from the supply to events in Scotland in 2019/20.

Applicants must have a place of business in Scotland and be supplying to events physically taking place here with only one application per

business being permitted.

The fund is not intended to support: year-round operations such as attractions and venues; the hospitality industry such as hotels, pubs, bars, cafes, restaurants and nightclubs; private, social or family events such as weddings, dinners, functions or

parties; community sports groups, teams or clubs; professional sports teams; or artists, performers and athletes.

For further information on the fund and the guidance document, including criteria, visit [www.visitscotland.com/events/funding/coronavirus-support-fund](http://www.visitscotland.com/events/funding/coronavirus-support-fund)



It is important that garden waste is left in the correct bay at the new composting centre.

## Carradale's composting centre complete

Members of Carradale Community Trust (CCT), Carradale's community business, were tempted to get the champagne out earlier this week after finally getting its community composting centre ready for use.

It has taken the trust more than six years to complete this project following a number of delays, most recently the disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

The idea for a composting centre was one put forward as part of a village plan many years ago and East Kintyre Community Council asked CCT, then Network Carradale Limited, to deliver the project.

Alan Walker, chair of CCT, said: 'We are now ready for garden waste as the village tidies up in time for winter. We are very appreciative of the support from SSE which provided hardcore and digger time and to East Kintyre Windfarm Trust for funds to equip the project.'

'This facility is very green and will benefit the village and hopefully stop fly-tipping of garden waste alongside forest tracks.'

The ground works at the site, which is located at Seneval, opposite the play park entrance, were completed by Donald McLean Contractors and the composting bins supplied and installed by Saddell Nurseries. A substantial shed is to be delivered and put up soon by Quarry Sheds, based at Minard.

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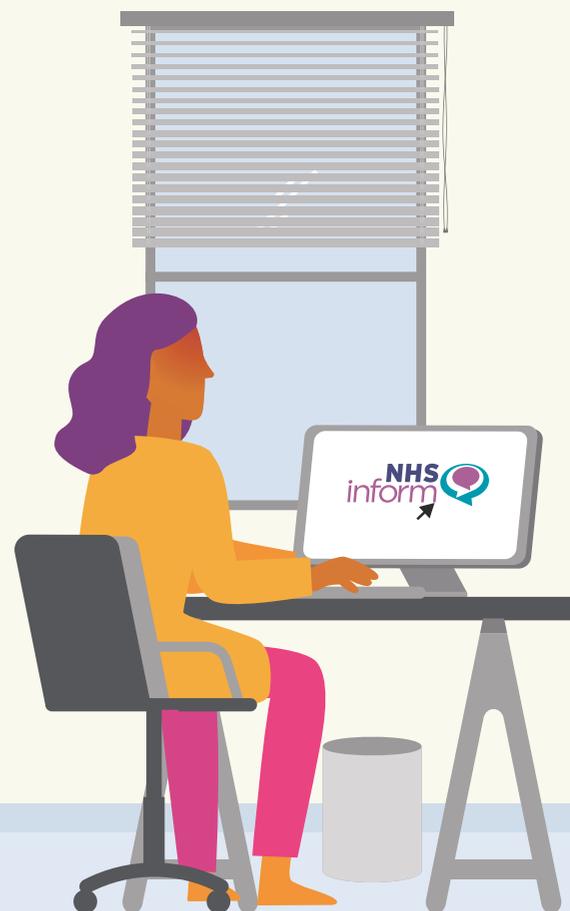
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# Trossachs is the target for missing lynx

A Welsh-based group intent on bringing the Eurasian lynx back to the UK has turned its attention away from Kintyre and towards the Trossachs as a potential release site.

The Lynx Trust's scientific advisor Dr Paul O'Donoghue announced last week that the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park, an area between Drymen and Callander on the eastern shore of Loch Lomond, is his preferred location for a trial release.

Until last year Kintyre was in the sights of the trust as a possible trial site.

The Argyll farming community at the time was unconvinced by arguments put forward by Dr O'Donoghue, who said at an Inveraray meeting in March 2019

that there would be 'zero risk' to humans, and that across Europe lynx kill on average 0.4 sheep per lynx per year.

This predation level was dismissed by farmers who say this Europe-wide figure means little, as it includes areas where no lynx are present.

Dr O'Donoghue said that roe deer made up around 95 per cent of the diet of a lynx, but farmers were concerned that control by forest managers had left the deer population particularly low, leaving sheep as an obvious alternative prey.

In a Facebook post, the Lynx Trust UK said: 'We can finally announce that the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park has been selected as the first lynx reintroduction site in our ambitious plans to reintroduce the Eurasian lynx to Scotland. 'Over the past year, we

have been carrying out an extensive ecological feasibility study in collaboration with the University of Lancaster, assessing habitat suitability for lynx across the whole of Scotland.

'The conclusions show that vast tracts of the Scottish countryside are suitable for lynx and could support well over 250 individuals.'

It is understood that preliminary discussions have been held with Scottish Natural Heritage and the trust now plans to hold a public consultation, with the first public event to be held in September.

Dr O'Donoghue proposes releasing three Eurasian lynx - one male and two females - for a five year trial period.

The cats, around the size of a German shepherd dog, have been extinct in Britain since



Eurasian lynx could be reintroduced to Scotland. Photograph: Chris Godfrey

around the time of St Columba. After last year's meeting in Inveraray Dr O'Donoghue was accused by many of 'not listening' to the concerns of

farmers. Chairman of NFU Scotland's Environment and Land Use Committee, Oban farmer Angus MacFadyen, said: 'I've got great concerns

about where this project may lead and what effect it could have on the environment as well as the local farming community.'

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# Up to 15 public toilets face council closure

Public toilets across Argyll and Bute are to be closed as a cost-saving measure – despite reports of human waste being left outside some facilities.

The council's business continuity committee has agreed to an officer's recommendation to keep 35 public conveniences open until the end of October.

But then between 10 and 15 would have to close and only a 'core set' would remain open.

However, the council has given no indication – either in the report to a recent meeting or during the meeting itself – of which toilets might remain.

The council has been asked to identify which toilets are proposed to go or be retained.

Council officials face a budget deficit because of the coronavirus, and strict new guidelines demand more extensive cleaning of public toilets which would drive up costs.

Senior officials have said the pandemic had presented



Public toilets across Argyll are facing closure in a bid to cut costs.

difficulties in reverting to the public toilet services it offered previously.

However, the decision comes amid rising community concerns – particularly in remote rural areas – about visitors fouling the area due to a lack of open facilities.

A meeting of the committee heard widespread discussion on what should be done going forward – including engaging with communities and reopening all facilities.

Councillor Douglas Philand

asked: 'Is there any scope for increasing the opening of other public toilets? On the green at Kilmartin, they have found human excrement – they know it is human because there was toilet paper beside it.'

'This is actually happening there – is it possible, based on that, to look at opening other facilities?'

Kirsty Flanagan, the council's head of strategic finance, responded: 'There is an option to open more toilets, but it will come at a cost.'

'The proposal is to minimise the cost, and we also have the paper on Covid-19 costs, which we are trying to minimise.'

'We have public toilets open across all areas. I appreciate they are not all open but there are some within a commutable distance.'

Councillor Rory Colville asked: 'Have we any way of engaging with communities, especially those with toilets closed and with no plans to reopen? We need to engage with them and offer them support, should they be willing to consider taking them on.'

Ms Flanagan responded: 'Services are engaging where they are getting contact, but are not proactively going out to those groups as there is limited capacity to do so.'

'Prior to the pandemic they had tried to do that and had limited take-up from communities. If groups come forward I am sure they will engage.'

## Covid-19 council costs reach £12 million

Responding to Covid-19 is expected to cost Argyll and Bute Council more than £12 million.

A report to the local authority's Business Continuity Committee (BCC) on Thursday August 13 showed costs were primarily a mixture of increased expenditure and loss of income.

The council has delivered new or expanded services, for example, to provide child care for essential workers, additional homeless accommodation and free school meals, and support in getting food to people in need. Steps to recover from the impact of Covid-19, such as work to make council buildings safe for use, have brought additional costs.

At the same time income has fallen, for example through reduced use of transport services – ferries, piers, harbours and parking – and reduced planning fee income.

Taking into account Scottish Government support for its Covid-19 response the council faces an estimated shortfall of £5.9 million.

The committee also considered reports setting out the council's budget outlook for 2021/22, with estimates showing the council will have to deliver £6.7 million of savings, even before costs of Covid-19 are considered.

Councillor Gary Mulvaney, policy lead for strategic finance, said: 'Changing how we work, to make sure we've been there for people who need us, has had a significant impact on already stretched council resources.'

'We have work to do, with partners, to build the local economy and increase job opportunities. If there is a second wave of Covid-19 and lockdown restrictions return, we will be there again to help those in need and there's work to do to help us all live and work safely with the presence of Covid-19 in schools to businesses and our outdoors.'



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# 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



**Matthew Anderson and Gillian Vollum have been picked for the Soil Association Scotland Ambassador programme.**

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 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 Newmiln 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.

## Plans in place for Kintyre sheep sale

Kintyre Agricultural Society (KAS), along with C&D Auctions in Longtown, is planning its sheep sale for Saturday September 19.

Organisers say the sale taking place depends on the current Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines staying as they are or easing slightly.

A KAS spokesperson said: 'There will be restrictions in place but please use the following link and read carefully to get an idea of the guidelines that we will all have to follow on the day of the sale: <http://iaas.co.uk/iaas-updates-auction-market-guidelines/>

'The sale will take place entirely outside and numbers attending will be restricted to those selling and those intending to buy. Everyone entering the field will have to provide their contact details, and hand sanitising points will be available at various points around the pens and sale ring. All guidelines from stewards on the day of the sale must be adhered to.'

Organisers add that it would be helpful to have an early indication of what stock sellers may have for the sale.

'This does not need to be exact but will help us when getting pens ready as we will have to construct pens in the field to compensate for the loss of the shed area and this will need to be done 28 days before the sale to comply with existing foot and mouth regulations,' said the spokesperson.

For more details or to make entries, contact KAS secretary John Armour by emailing [tirfergus01@btconnect.com](mailto:tirfergus01@btconnect.com) or telephoning 01586 810231 during the day or 01586 552404 in the evening.

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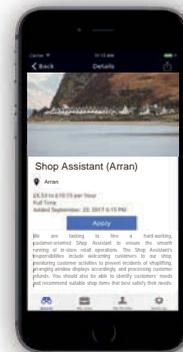
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##### Schedule 2 – Prohibition of Entry

From	To
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2. School Road	Harbour Street

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## Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

As I write this, I am sitting in a sun-filled day with clear blue skies and not a cloud in sight.

Yet tomorrow the forecast is horrific, promising gale force winds and torrential rain.

We know that suddenly out of a clear blue sky, storms come, rain batters us and the blue skies disappear.

We all know of the literal storms that can batter our coastline and cause havoc.

But there are other storms, storms of a personal dimension... when illness strikes and brings the storms that shake the very bedrock of our faith – awful, devastating storms that can shatter lives and threaten to completely overwhelm those caught up in the waves.

None of us knows how we will cope in the storm till the waves hit us.

We all know people close to us, people here in our own community who have had storms of epic proportion batter them as they cope with illness that has come out of a clear blue sky, and left them struggling with a tsunami of grief.

We know people who have suffered loss, and ache with longing and emptiness.

We love the times when we sail on calm waters with the sun shining when all is right with the world and life is plain sailing. But what of the storms, how do we cope with these hard times, when we are all at sea?

Whatever our storms, Jesus will be beside us, even if, in our fear, at the time, we can't recognise him.

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# Former minister reflects on the 75th anniversary of VJ Day

While large commemoration ceremonies could not take place this year, many people quietly marked the 75th anniversary of the end of World War Two, which drew to a close after a peace treaty was signed in the Pacific on August 15 1945, a date which became known as Victory in Japan (VJ) Day.

In honour of the anniversary, former Southend minister John Russell, now Presbytery Clerk of Dunkeld and Meigle, has paid tribute to a family friend caught up in the conflict, who embarked on an epic journey of hundreds of miles to survive.

Rev Russell, who preached in Southend from 1972 to 1978, said: 'After VE day ended the war in Europe, many people forget that there was still a war going on in Asia – in China, the Pacific islands and Burma [now Myanmar].

'I spent my early years in Bombay – now Mumbai – which was a great naval and army base. Troops disembarked from great liners and travelled by train across India to fight the Japanese army on the Indian border with Burma.

'From our house we used to see the long troop trains on their eastward journey. Imphal and Myitkina were names of places of battle and we read about all this in the Times of India. Generals Slim, Stilwell and Wingate were household names.

'Douglas and Isabel Fernie were in Burma when the Japanese invaded there in early 1942. Isabel hailed from Polcalk Farm, Alyth, and Douglas from Blairgowrie. Isabel was evacuated and returned to Scotland.

'In Burma the Irrawaddy river runs from the



From left: Douglas Fernie, Mrs Carmichael, Isabel Fernie, Charles King, Mr Carmichael and Rev John Russell.

sea up the centre of Burma. The Irrawaddy Flotilla Company was founded by a Scot and carried passengers and cargo the length of the country. Many of its engineers were Scots and Douglas Fernie was one of them.

'The British army retreated northwards – many on the ships of the Irrawaddy flotilla, travelling as far as possible up the river. The ships were sunk and the troops with many civilians walked across the mountains into India. Douglas Fernie, with his two dogs Sally and Sam, was one of that great number who made that epic journey.

'Being a marine engineer, Douglas came to Bombay to work at Mazagon Dock, India's leading shipbuilder where my father was on the staff.

'Douglas used to say to me: "After the war you will have to come to Polcalk Farm and I will make a real farmer of you." For over a decade I used to spend my summer holiday at Polcalk Farm, along with Charles King, the nephew of Douglas and Isabel.

'Whenever I pass the road end to Polcalk Farm, with its sign, I remember that heroic retreat in Burma in 1942.

'As we observe VJ Day, we remember with thanksgiving that great number who served their country in the Far East campaign and their numerous acts of courage and the faith that sustained all who served and we thank God for the peace that ensued. We remember too all those who died on both sides of the conflict.'

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**McCORKINDALE** - Mary (Shaw). Peacefully at Lorn and Isles Hospital on Tuesday August 25. Beloved wife of the late Hugh, Scammadale. Much loved mother, granny and great-granny. Will be truly missed by many.

**WEIR** - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead on August 24, 2020, Christina (Tina) Weir, nee Dunlop, in her 83rd year, of 38 Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead and formerly of Lochfyne Terrace, Ardrishaig. Beloved wife of the late Alex Weir and much loved mother of Bell and Allan. Adored Nana of Allan, Ailsa, Colin, David and Andy, and proud great granny of Cian, Kara and Jessica. A much respected mother in law of Kirsteen and the late Jim. Loving sister of Flora, Nannie and the late Jean, Catherine and Duncan. A dear sister in law, aunt and cousin to all the extended family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. A private funeral service will be held today, Friday August 28, 2020, at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**LANG** - Catherine, David, Marie and Peter would like to thank everyone for their lovely flowers, cards, baking and donations after the sad loss of Davy. Also we would like to thank Maggie, Macmillan nurse, Jenny, Marie Curie, all the carers and all the community nurses. Also special thanks to Dr Lazarus for his faithful visits to help Davy in his final weeks. Also a thank you to piper John Brown for playing Davy's favourite hymns. A big thank you to Rev Steve Fulcher for a very comforting service at graveside, Argyll bakeries for their catering. A thank you to Kenneth, Rhys and David Blair for their professionalism, made everything easy for us all. Lastly to all who gave Davy a great send off on his final journey.

**McGOUGAN** - The family of the late Douglas would like to thank everyone for the visits, support, cards, flowers, messages, baking and phone calls following the sad loss of Douglas. Special thanks to Jonny Smith for his sporting memories and Lorne Cousin for his piping tribute.

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Remembrance keeps her near.

- Your loving husband Stewart.

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*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, 30th August at 11am** to join with us in our praise and worship.  
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**Worship service**  
**Covid 19 measures in place**

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George Street, Campbeltown



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ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

**Sunday 30th August 2020**  
"Ask ... Seek ... Knock" (Matthew 7)  
There will be a Service in Achahoish at 11:00am Ardrishaig Church will re-open for Public Worship as from 1st September (Government Covid Guidelines will be observed)  
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## Tarbert's club championship kicks off

Despite the unseasonal weather, Glenralloch was in fantastic condition for the first and second rounds of Tarbert Golf Club's championship last weekend, thanks to the hard work of greenkeeper Graham Prentice, assisted by John MacNab.

Twelve-time champion Archie Black set the bar on Saturday with a fantastic 69, including birdies at the second and third, to take the clubhouse lead. Defending champion Iain Macalister is not going to be giving up his crown easily and also posted a 69 with birdies at the first and third helping his card.

Club Captain Kenny MacFarlane moved into third place on 72. The same players also occupied pole positions in the nett trophy on 59, 63 and 63 respectively.

Sunday saw Kenny move to the top of the leaderboard following his lowest ever score around Glenralloch, his 68 included four birdies.

Second on the day was Bruce MacNab on 73 and John MacNab on 74.

The senior championship and second round of the John Reid Quach will also take place over the weekend. The presentation will take place around 3pm on Sunday afternoon when it is hoped a large turnout of members will be present.

Championship results after 36 holes: Kenny MacFarlane 140, Iain Macalister 144, Archie Black 144.

Nett trophy results after 36 holes: Kenny MacFarlane 122, Archie Black 124, Lewis Preston 127.

## Scores close in Heidbangers' annual contest

Dunaverty Golf Club's Heidbangers enjoyed excellent weather and a superb course when contesting their annual Gone But Not Forgotten competition.

The event is sponsored by Robert Allen Jnr in memory of his father, Bert, and the other members of the group who have passed away since it was formed 21 years ago.

Twenty 'heidbangers' turned out in an attempt to win the trophy, a bottle of Islay malt whisky, and a box of golf balls which was the prize for nearest the pin in two on the 18th green.

Scores were very close with two Stableford points covering the top six finishers and placings being decided by better inward half scores.



Bill Brannigan, centre, presenting Keith Crawford and Donald Brown with their prizes.

Wily old veteran Sandy Watson led the way with an excellent score of 40 points.

Willie Young, making light of a year plagued with injuries, conjured up an impressive 41 points, only to be displaced by an in-form Keith Crawford, who went round in a level par 66 to give him 41 points, but a better inward half secured him the win and the trophy.

Donald Brown won the nearest the pin prize when his second shot from the rough on the 18th landed four feet from the pin.

Results: 1 Keith Crawford 41 (bih), 2 Willie Young 41, 3 Sandy Watson 40, 4 Malcolm Ronald 39 (bih), 5 Bill Brannigan 39 (bih), 6 Willie Ralston 39.

## High spirits at Glen Scotia AM-AM

Dunaverty Golf Club's Glen Scotia-sponsored AM-AM was deemed 'a resounding success', with 35 teams of four and one team of three using a 'better ball' format to play in ideal conditions last weekend.

The course was superbly prepared by greenkeepers David Scullion and Campbell MacBrayne.

Early starters J Docherty, R McDonald, D Wallace and L Mathieson got off to a flying start with a nett 22 on the front nine, but a 27 on the back nine brought their nett total to a very creditable 49.

The Lochgilphead quartet of Jamie O'May, Sandy Crawford, Kenny Crawford and Keith Crawford, out in the mid morning, went one better by returning a nett score of 48 which was matched by the team of Calum MacMillan, Willie MacMillan, Gavin McLachlan and Jock McPhee Jnr.

This wasn't quite enough as the Lochgilphead team took the honours by one stroke, finishing the inward half with a 23 to Calum's team's 24.

The club thanked Iain McAlister, manag-

er of Glen Scotia, for sponsoring the event; Alex Arkell and Graeme McLennan for the event's preparation; Alex for attending to collating the results; Ailie Goddard and her sister Rona, who did a sterling job in providing catering for the competitors; and Susan McLennan and the committee members took care of the raffle.

### Sentiments

Spot prizes were awarded at several of the holes.

'A fabulous day' and 'a well organised event on a wonderful course' were some of the sentiments expressed by many of the players and they look forward to next year's competition.

Results: 1 J O'May, S Crawford, K Crawford, K Cowan, 48 (bih); 2 C MacMillan, W MacMillan, G McLachlan, J McPhee Jnr, 48; 3 M Clark, D Clark, F McLeod, R McDonald, 49 (bih), 4 B Cook, K Allibone, D Mitchell, G Brown, 49 (bih); 5 K Macklin, P Johnston, J O'Neill, M O'Neill, 49 (bih), 6 J Docherty, R McDonald, D Wallace, L Mathieson, 49.

Spot prizes: Nearest the pin in two at the

1: John Docherty, 58cm; nearest the pin at the seventh: Donald McNeil, 67cm; lowest combined nett score at the 13th: Duncan Clark, Fiona McLeod, Dorothy Clark, Roddy MacDonald, 14; gents' longest drive at the 17th: Duncan Clark (Lochgilphead); ladies' longest drive at the 17th: Nichola Kidd.

A warm, wet and calm day greeted the players who took part in the annual Mersey Police Cup last Sunday.

John McKinlay, first man out, recovering from knee problems, got things underway by posting a scratch 71 which consisted of three birdies, nine pars, five bogeys and one double bogey, resulting in a nett score of 60.

Bobby Dalziel continued his recent good form by also carding a nett 60 but his better last six proved to be enough to give him the win.

Results: 1 Bobby Dalziel 72-12=60 (better last six); 2 John McKinlay 71-11=60; 3 John Wareham 86-24=62; 4 Keith Crawford 68-5=63 (bih); 5 Sandy Watson 75-12=63 (bih); 6 Malcolm Ronald 80-17=63 (bih).

## Mixed weather for Dunaverty ladies

True to recent form, the weather was mixed for the ladies of Dunaverty Golf Club on Tuesday August 18 - early starters were soaked, lunch time players were boiled and evening ones were lost in the mist.

Playing off a handicap of 35, Linn Coffield's great winning score was 33 points. Second place went to Katie Cappello who, despite having her handicap reduced by four last week, now playing off 29, scored 32 points, just beating Mary Wilson, also 32 points, with a better inward half.



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