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# Guy Martin's need for speed at Machrihanish airbase

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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Kintyre welcomed a celebrity visitor last weekend when truck mechanic turned motorcycle racer and television presenter Guy Martin visited Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) Business Park as part of his Project 300 preparations. Guy, who holds multiple Guinness World Records titles for speed-related events, is now looking to break the record for 300 miles per hour in a mile on a conventional motorcycle, and found the 2,900 metre-long taxiway at Machrihanish perfect for some high-speed practise.

Last Sunday morning's dry, clear and still weather created

the perfect conditions that allowed for several practise runs on Guy's custom-built Suzuki Hayabusa streamliner. Early risers would have been treated to the wail of the more than 800-brake-horsepower superbike making its way to an unconfirmed 279 miles per hour at sunrise.

This is the latest of several record attempts using the former airbase's impressive infrastructure, starting in 1988 with Alan and Norman Clark attempting to break the speed record with a skier on a car roof, to The Flying Scotsman Graeme O'Bree's record breaking human-powered 'Beastie' bicycle.

MACC Business Park manager Malcolm McMillan said: 'It's always exciting when

we get called about using the site for record attempts, but it's not possible without a big effort from the volunteers to make sure that everything goes safely, so thank you to the 13-strong safety team and to the understanding MACC Business Park tenants for accommodating Guy's request.

'It was incredible to watch something cover thousands of metres in a matter of seconds. Guy was accompanied by his father and both were absolute stars; they could not have been more grateful and were very impressed with the area's scenery and hospitality.'

Guy also took time during his visit to check out wind turbine transport specialist McFadyen's Transport's Scania S730 flagship lorry and super wing carrier combination.

A McFadyen's spokesperson said: 'I think it's fair to say that he was very impressed!'

**Guy Martin visited MACC Business Park as part of his Project 300 preparations.**

Photograph: Raymond Hosie and MACC.



## Rest and Be Thankful options outlined

Transport Scotland this week revealed the 11 options being considered in a bid to improve access to Argyll and Bute via the A83 after a series of landslides blocked the trunk road at the Rest and Be Thankful.

For full details, see next week's Courier or visit our website at [www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk](http://www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk)

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## POLICE FILES

**Abusive behaviour**

A 32-year-old man was arrested, charged and issued with a recorded police warning after behaving in an abusive manner at about 4.45pm on Wednesday September 16, at Milknoe Road, Campbeltown.

**Speeding motorist**

An 18-year-old driver was stopped and charged with exceeding the speed limit on the A83, at Campbeltown, at about 10pm on Thursday September 17. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

**Drugs possession**

A 38-year-old man was charged and issued with a recordable police warning after he was stopped and searched by police on Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, at about 10pm on Friday September 18, and was found to be in possession of a small amount of cannabis.

**Serious assault**

Police are investigating after receiving a report of people fighting in Longrow, Campbeltown, at about 11.30pm on Saturday September 19. Police attended immediately but several people had left the scene. As a result of the incident, one person had a broken bone.

**Bicycles stolen**

Police are investigating after two bicycles – one of which is described as a blue and white mountain bike – were stolen from Kirk Street, Campbeltown, at about 10am on Saturday September 5.

**Vehicle damaged**

The side and bumper of a Toyota Aygo car were damaged between 9.15pm on Wednesday September 9 and 8.30am on Thursday September 10, at Lady Mary Row, Campbeltown.

**Police are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information on the above or any incident to phone 101 or anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.**

# Call for clarity over number of Covid cases in Argyll

The chairman of Argyll and Bute's healthcare watchdog has called for more specific information to be made public about Covid-19 figures in the area.

Councillor Kieron Green was speaking after a number of positive cluster cases were announced in Argyll and Bute, most recently linked to a private event at Cove and Kilcraggan Bowling Club.

**Speaking**

The Oban North and Lorn councillor is chair of the integration joint board (IJB) of Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) and was speaking at its meeting on Wednesday, September 16.

Currently, coronavirus case data is made available in Scotland by breakdowns of health board and council areas.

Councillor Green said: 'I don't know if anybody else has been contacted by residents or



Councillor Kieron Green.

community organisations, but I would be very interested to know a bit more detail about the numbers of people with Covid-19 across Argyll and Bute.

'I know when we went back to the start of the outbreak, in March and April, numbers were quite low and there was strong guidance from the government. Figures could only be broken down by NHS boards and then councils.

'From my point of view, the situation has moved on quite a bit since then and we have had increased numbers of people testing positive.

'We have also had situations where we have gone public about this, or information has come out through other means.

'There was a case in Oban, cases at Hermitage Academy and Lochgilphead Joint Campus, and then most recently in Kilcraggan.

'I am now getting requests from the public on how many people in Oban, or Lochgilphead, or Campbeltown, are testing positive for Covid-19.

'When that happens it is becoming quite difficult to defend the line that we are not allowed to release that information on the grounds of patient confidentiality.

'Press releases are going out all the time identifying maybe one or two, but there might be five or ten people in the town. Is it possible for us to break down these numbers a bit more?'

Dr Nicola Schinaia, associate director of public health at the HSCP, said: 'It is possible to be more open but having said that, I was looking into the possibility of having our reports with information on more specific towns in Argyll and Bute.'

NHS Highland chairman Professor Boyd Robertson added: 'We are abiding by Scottish Government policy. We had a system where internally, we could identify where there were hot spots around the board area, but that was not for public consumption.'

Board member Fiona Broderick said: 'My husband and I get a regular update from the shielding service. The one we got yesterday said that the Scottish Government is working on a new tool to show what is happening in your area.'

Councillor Green then said: 'I have not heard anything about that, but if there is going to be reporting at national level, then data in England is available in much smaller units. It is clearly possible elsewhere and we know the data is collected here – it is a case of getting it made public.'

'Use of the (Protect Scotland) phone app to identify contact tracing is something everybody can do. We all have a part to play in this.'

## Public asked for input to 11 options for new access to Argyll and Bute



Following recent landslips in the area, Transport Scotland is now taking forward the project development and assessment work required to deliver an alternative infrastructure option to the existing A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful.

This work underlines the Scottish Government's commitment to continued work with key stakeholders to ensure that Argyll and Bute remains open for business.

From today, please visit [transport.gov.scot/A83options](https://transport.gov.scot/A83options) to see the eleven corridor options for the **Access to Argyll and Bute (A83) project** that are being considered as we work towards identifying a preferred route corridor in Spring 2021.

We are particularly interested in any local constraints or issues that will help inform our design and assessment work along with comments on the options under consideration.

**The deadline for any comments is Friday 30 October 2020. Please take the chance to tell us what you think.**

If you want a hard copy of the online material or have any questions, please email [transportscotland@bigpartnership.co.uk](mailto:transportscotland@bigpartnership.co.uk) or telephone **0333 880 6685**

## Motorcyclist's misjudgement puts car on its roof near Tarbert

A 44-year-old woman injured in a car crash has been left with microscopic debris in her face causing healing problems, Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week.

The woman, her 13-year-old son and sister-in-law, aged 44, were driving home from a bank holiday camping trip to Gigha when a motorcyclist riding south on the A83 failed to carry out an overtaking manoeuvre safely, striking the car on the section of the road north of Tarbert where the north-bound carriageway has a hard verge close to a rock face.

Their Citroen CS3 ended up on its roof and slid for about 20 metres. Other motorists helped them from the car and also assisted the rider who came off his bike and slid for

a similar distance. The motorcyclist, Colin Turnbull, 14 Matthews Crescent, South Hetton, Durham, broke his leg.

Turnbull admitted dangerous driving, seriously injuring the woman and injuring her passengers by overtaking another vehicle when it was unsafe to do so, crossing into the opposing lane and striking her car causing it to overturn and causing himself to come off his motorcycle which went on to collide with the crash barrier and another vehicle.

The accident happened on May 26 last year, the Sunday of the Spring Bank Holiday weekend.

Procurator fiscal depute David Glancy described Turnbull, aged 64, as 'a genuine first offender' and said the accident happened where a dip

occurred in the road.

He told the court that windows had shattered when the car over turned and microscopic debris had entered some of the cuts the driver received; she has had to have repeated treatment and the wounds are an ongoing problem.

Stephen MacSporran, defence agent for Turnbull, who pleaded guilty, said that his client agreed with the narrative, adding: 'He has driven without incident all his life and has no previous convictions; his only explanation is he made a stupid mistake.'

Sheriff Patrick Hughes disqualified Turnbull from driving for two years and required him to pass the test of competence before he applied to get his licence back. He also fined him £1,500.

# Plan to improve road safety in residential streets

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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Councillor Donald Kelly has revealed his intention to press for a full traffic management review of two Campbeltown streets where residents are being driven round the bend by dangerous parking and speeding drivers.

It is more than 10 years since Councillor Kelly campaigned for '20's plenty' signs to be erected in Davaar Avenue and Ralston Road – the first of their kind in Argyll and Bute – but he fears drivers have become complacent and hopes a fresh new approach will help 'make people think again'.

## Getting worse

He said: 'This has been a long outstanding issue which is gradually getting worse, with people parking vehicles on pavements at corners which is obstructing traffic and compromising the safety of pe-

destrians. Speeding is another issue which is affecting both housing schemes.

'It is my intention to press for a full review of the traffic management, asking the council to consider a one-way system for both schemes and mandatory 20 miles per hour speed limits.

## Speed limit

'I fully appreciate this will not be top of the agenda under the current climate, however, we need to put a marker down and look at ways to resolve these issues. Like many members of the public, I would welcome a mandatory speed limit of 20 miles per hour throughout the town.'

He said that the volume of cars in these areas could be a 'sign of the times', adding: 'Houses that would have had just one car in the past, might now have three. Work vehicles are returning home at night and finding nowhere to park and are resorting to parking

on pavements and at corners, something which is also causing an issue for buses.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'Anyone driving over the speed limit in a residential area is behaving recklessly.

'Apart from endangering others, they should be mindful that they can be prosecuted by the police. The public can also report inappropriate driving to the police.

'We have a Road Speed Limit Framework Policy, approved by council, for the selection, prioritisation and approval of speed limits.

'This issue in Campbeltown hasn't been raised with the roads department recently, but could also be raised through the area committee.'

Councillor Donald Kelly.



## Driver clocked at 103mph loses licence

Police recorded a speed of 103 mph on the A83 near Glenbarr and stopped driver Gary Shields, aged 35, of Campbeltown.

He was on his way home to 3c High Street, on November 15 last year, when stopped.

He admitted driving dangerously on a road with a speed limit of 60mph and

also to having a proportion of Benzoylcegonine higher than the legal limit. Benzoylcegonine is a compound formed in the liver by the metabolism of cocaine and its presence in the blood is used to test for the drug.

Shields' defence agent, Ruben Murdanaigum, told Campbeltown Sheriff Court

last week: 'My client deeply regrets committing this offence. What happened that day was an error of judgement.'

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said that the offences were ones where he had considered a custodial sentence but he fined Shields a total of £700 and banned him from driving for a year.

## Police warn of bank telephone scams

Police are warning people to beware after reports of members of the public recently receiving telephone calls from people claiming to represent their bank and attempting to obtain banking details over the phone.

A police spokesperson said: 'Police would like to remind the public never to give out such information over the phone and always check

any calls like these are genuine by calling their bank themselves.

'Always make sure you hear a clear dialling tone before calling your bank in case a fraudulent caller has kept the line open.

'Another suggestion is to call a friend first to confirm the call is not answered by the fraudulent caller.'

## Wellbeing Economy Project launched

Kintyre Community Resilience Group (KCRG) has launched a project looking into the prospect of creating a long-term, sustainable local economy that would improve the physical, mental, emotional and social wellbeing of the community.

The Wellbeing Economy Project represents a new approach to community economic development and is a strategic priority for the

Scottish Government. As part of the project, KCRG has created a short survey aimed at those who were living in Kintyre during lockdown over the last six months, about the local response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Report

The information gathered by the survey will be used to compile a report highlighting what the main challenges were, which activities and

interventions worked well and which didn't, and how the community can best prepare itself if a similar situation were to occur in the future.

The survey can be accessed via a link on the KCRG Facebook page. Those who would like the link to be sent to them directly, can email [aspence@inspiriba.org.uk](mailto:aspence@inspiriba.org.uk)

All responses are anonymous and the survey will close at midday on October 2.

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# Campbeltown Sheriff Court

## Donkeys neglected at pensioner's Kintyre farm

An anonymous call to the police led to the discovery of neglected animals at a Kintyre farm, Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week.

Seven donkeys at Tangymoil Farm, Kilkenzie, were in such bad condition that two had to be put down with the other five taken to a sanctuary to be nursed back to health.

Procurator fiscal depute David Glancy said all were suffering, in varying degrees, from lameness caused by badly overgrown hooves; malnutrition so bad that their back bones were visible and lice infestation so great that they suffered from dermatitis. The donkey's teeth had not been filed. A series of photographs were shown to the court.

He said that a veterinary surgeon, who attended the farm along with SSPCA and local authority officials on March 26, 2019, concluded: 'These issues were taking place

over a period of many months and should have been obvious to anyone looking after the animals that they were matters which should have been addressed.'

Mr Glancy added: 'No fault could be found with the other animals on the farm; it was the donkeys that had been neglected.'

Albert Sauer, the farmer, aged 85, was not present in court, but pleaded guilty to causing the animals unnecessary suffering by failing to provide appropriate care and treatment.

His defence agent, Ruben Murdanaigum, said that due to Covid-19: 'He is under strict instruction not to leave his house.'

Mr Murdanaigum added that Sauer had lived at the farm for a number of years and had a limited pension. 'His world consists of all these animals around him,' he added.

The court heard that Sauer had difficulty in arranging for a farrier to attend to the donkeys and believed that he was caring for them.

'He was very distressed; he is a caring man,' said Mr Murdanaigum.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes deferred sentence until the October 15 court sitting for social reports and other reports from the appropriate authorities to assess Sauer's ongoing ownership of the other animals on the farm.

## Careless, not dangerous, pleads driver

A 43-year-old Campbeltown man denied that he had been driving dangerously in the early hours of a frosty morning along the A83.

William Thomas Kelly, of 97 Ralston Road, stood trial at the town's sheriff court last week but part way through the proceedings he changed his plea to guilty to the lesser charge of careless driving and this was accepted by the court.

Kelly's defence agent, Ruben Murdanaigum, told the court: 'He has put his hands up; there was careless driving, but not



dangerous.' Kelly was fined £220 for driving carelessly, at a speed that was unsafe for the prevailing conditions, on April 11 last year, and was also disqualified from driving for four months.

Officers told the court they were stationary at the junction for the Kennacraig ferry terminal and the A83 when Kelly drove his Audi A3 past them at speed.

'We never saw the car again until we reached Campbeltown, outside his home,' said Constable Alan Wallace. 'The road was sparkling with frost, we fully expected to find the car off the road in a ditch.'

He radioed ahead to other officers who then waited at the

junction of the A83 and the road to the Sound of Kintyre; the times of the two sightings of the car and the distance travelled were used to calculate the speed at which Kelly was driving.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said the fine sent a message that poor driving of any kind would not be tolerated.

## Man admits assaulting woman

A Campbeltown man, appearing before the town's sheriff court last week, admitted striking his partner.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes called for reports to be prepared on Alan Sinclair, aged 39.

Sinclair, of 18 Crosshill Avenue, got into an argument with the woman on January 19 after they had both been out; he pleaded guilty to causing assault to injury at an address in the town. 'An argument developed,' said procurator fiscal depute David Glancy.

'Neighbours could overhear what had happened. Following

the assault she ran from the house to neighbours; she was upset and shaking and said "He hit me".

When the case is called again on October 15 Sheriff Hughes will hear also from Sinclair's defence agent.

## Driver fined £200

A police vehicle had to take evasive action to avoid being in a collision, Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week.

James Crawford Anderson, aged 56, of 110 Sound of Kintyre, pleaded guilty to careless driving on December 9 last year when he failed to moderate his speed when negotiating a junction.

The court heard that his car crossed into the opposing carriageway and into the path of an on-coming police vehicle on the Sound of Kintyre road.

Defence agent Stephen MacSporran said his client, an essential worker, had taken the incident as 'a wake-up call for his driving'.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes fined Anderson £200 with a four-point licence endorsement.



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# Argyll and Bute Council leader stands down



Argyll and Bute Council was due to choose a new leader at its full Skype meeting yesterday (Thursday, September 24) after Councillor Aileen Morton stepped down from the role.

Councillor Morton, of the Helensburgh Central ward, was leader of the authority from May 2017, having been elected five years earlier.

Announcing her decision, which she said was taken 'after much thought', Councillor Morton described Argyll and Bute as 'a fantastic area' and added that it 'deserves a successful future'.

She said: 'I took on the role of leader to put in place opportunities for success to happen.'

'With millions of pounds of national investment secured, stronger relationships developed with key decision-makers, and the council's progress as an effective organisation recognised, it's the ideal time now for someone else to take the council forward.'

'Like all local authorities, we face substantial challenges due to reduced funding but overall Argyll and Bute Council is in a really good place. In the past three and a half years we've made very considerable pro-

gress. We've seen the council through a positive Best Value audit which highlighted significantly improved, constructive relationships across the chamber and with our officers, and also recognised the council's sound approach to financial planning and budgeting.

'We have strengthened relationships with both the Scottish and UK governments through proactive and positive engagement from the start of my term as leader, with our cross-party Argyll and Bute Parliamentary Forum bringing together all the region's elected representatives.'

'We have developed and agreed priorities which have our communities at their heart and which are designed to help Argyll and Bute thrive.'

'Our drive and determination to secure economic success for Argyll and Bute through growing the population has been relentless. We've taken this issue to national government - identifying trends and leading on work relating to west coast and rural depopulation while continuing to press Argyll and Bute's case with ministers.'

'Having already seen funding of at least £50 million secured through our Rural Growth

Deal, I expect to see this take major steps forward later this year following continued engagement with ministers in both governments.'

'As we developed our growth deal we asked our communities what could make the biggest transformational change to the area and their top priority was digital and transport connectivity.'

'While there are still challenges to be addressed our broadband and mobile provision is now much improved and following sustained lobbying last month saw acceptance by the Scottish Government that a permanent solution for the A83 Rest and Be Thankful needs to be delivered.'

'We have achieved much over the past few years and there is so much potential for further success.'

'The next leader of this council can build on that and will be starting from a very strong position, supported by a fantastic workforce who know, as I do, that Argyll and Bute is a great place to live and work.'

'It's been my privilege to lead this council for the past few years and to serve the people of Argyll and Bute. I will continue to do so, working with my

successor. My sincere thanks go to all who have supported me over the years.'

The council's deputy provost, Councillor Roddy McCuish, paid tribute to Councillor Morton's achievements as leader.

He said: 'Aileen took on the role of leader to get a job done for Argyll and Bute, and she's done that. In brief, she's taken Argyll and Bute's cause to key decision-makers to secure transformational investment for the area; and she's progressed collaboration within the council to use shared priorities to deliver success.'

'On behalf of everyone who will benefit from the progress made, I would like to thank Aileen for her drive, focus and effective leadership of Argyll and Bute Council.'



Councillor Aileen Morton has stepped down as Argyll and Bute Council's leader.

## Anti-racism motion goes before council

Councillors from across Argyll and Bute were asked to take a stand against racism, xenophobia, hate crime and all forms of intolerance at a full council meeting yesterday.

Oban, Lorn and the Isles councillors Kieron Green and Julie McKenzie were expected to present a motion to the authority at its meeting via Skype on Thursday, September 24.

The proposal asked councillors to condemn racism, xenophobia, hate crime and all forms of intolerance, support victims of such crimes and urge members of the public to report such incidents.

It also asked the council to promote initiatives to tackle hate crime and prejudice within schools and communities as well as online.

The motion was worked on with Black Lives Matter Oban and 846Solidarity, two



Black Lives Matter Oban, organised a show of solidarity in Oban in June.

causes which promote learning and acting against racism.

Councillor Green said: 'In recent times the discrimination that people have suffered because of race, both historically and in the present, has been highlighted.'

'By working with Black Lives Matter Oban to bring forward a motion to the council, I am seeking for Argyll and Bute to be recognised as being a welcoming area for all and committed to tackling all forms of intolerance.'

Councillor McKenzie added: 'We can and must do better to

acknowledge and tackle the systemic injustices within society and it is important to recognise that our communities are not immune to issues of racism, hate and intolerance.'

'I have welcomed the opportunity to work alongside Black Lives Matter Oban and my colleague Councillor Green to bring this motion to full council.'

'Hopefully we will raise awareness and play our part in ensuring that the council takes a positive step forwards.'

Jakki Spicer, co-founder of Black Lives Matter Oban and 846Solidarity, said: 'We're grateful to Councillors Green and McKenzie for putting forth this motion, and know that it will put into words the commitment that Argyll and Bute has to being a welcoming area and to supporting all of its residents.'

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## Are streets too congested?

Anyone who has driven through Campbeltown's residential areas will know just how busy they can be.

The parking issue seems to have become worse recently – possibly with more people working from home during the pandemic and taking work vehicles home at the end of the day instead of leaving them in communal yards. But Councillor Donald Kelly is probably correct in saying it is a sign of the times with more people owning vehicles.

The situation is therefore unlikely to improve and some sort of solution to this and speeding drivers – whether that is a one-way system, a mandatory 20 miles per hour speed limit or both – is required before someone is injured.

It is interesting to note that news of Councillor Kelly's plans to push for a traffic management review comes exactly 10 years after residents were appealing for the '20's plenty' scheme to be extended to other parts of Campbeltown – see From Our Files on page eight for more.

## Welcoming Guy Martin

Whether you agree with Guy Martin's plans to break the world record of reaching 300 miles per hour within a mile on a motorbike or not – this an aspiration which killed Bill Warner, the last man to attempt such a feat – it is fantastic Kintyre has good enough infrastructure to entice the daredevil to travel all the way from North Lincolnshire for a practice session.

## Overflowing public bins

I have been receiving many emails and phone calls from concerned constituents on the Isle of Islay about our public bins that are overflowing with rubbish.

There are concerns that household waste bags are being placed in the public bins which is exacerbating the problem.

I have asked the council if it would consider increasing the number of uplifts, particularly as the island is quite busy just now.

I also have concerns that with the hotter weather we have been having, the piling up of rubbish could become a public health issue.

I will continue to lobby our council for a solution to this ongoing problem.

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

## Pandemic support needed

The report 'The Impact of Covid-19 on the Highlands and Islands' warns that the economy of the region could decrease by as much as £2.6 billion this year due to the impact of Covid-19 on businesses and jobs.

And the figures presented by Highlands and Islands Enterprise in the document also suggest that unemployment increased faster in the region than the rest of Scotland.

This report makes grim reading and should make both the Scottish and UK governments sit up and pay attention to the serious impact that Covid-19 has and is having on the Highlands and Islands, one of the worst hit areas in the country economically.

With increased and rapidly growing unemployment due to the nature of the region's economy, which relies heavily on tourism and outdoor recreation, it's clear that the economy of the Highlands and Islands will need a shot in the arm if we are to turn around the worrying trend of job losses and economic downturn.

The Scottish and UK governments must work together to invest in the Highlands and Islands to protect jobs, livelihoods and businesses and the future economic prosperity of the region.

If we want to see the region survive and thrive after Covid-19, we need to ensure the right

support is in place to allow us to build back better and support an economy that works for everyone.

**Rhoda Grant,  
Highlands and Islands Scottish Labour MSP.**

## Carers, make your voices heard

It is estimated that there could now be as many as 1.1 million people in Scotland caring, unpaid, for a loved one who is older, disabled, or seriously ill during the coronavirus pandemic.

We know that it has been a particularly difficult time for family carers, with the majority having to provide more care during the pandemic – on average 10 additional hours a week. With many face-to-face day services still closed or limited because of Covid-19, some families are caring round-the-clock without a break.

It's thanks to carers telling Carers Scotland about their personal experiences that we are able to explain to politicians and policy makers the challenges they are facing six months on from the coronavirus outbreak, as we head into winter.

By filling in our survey Caring Behind Closed Doors: six months on (on the Carers UK website) unpaid carers in Scotland can help inform the UK's most comprehensive study into experiences of looking after a loved one during the coronavirus crisis.

With a Scottish Government plan for social care reform currently in the making, it has never been more important for unpaid carers to share their experiences.

Fill in the survey at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CJ89NCH](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CJ89NCH) web page.

**Simon Hodgson, director, Carers Scotland**

## No animal should suffer, especially those working

Britain is renowned as a nation of animal lovers – and many people would go to any length to ensure their precious pets are healthy and happy.

Thankfully, access to veterinary care when our

companions are sick or injured is usually quick and easy – and there are more than 25,000 vets working up and down the country. Sadly, it's a very different story for animals in developing countries, including working animals. A severe shortage of vet services means too many animals must endure pain and suffering without the vital care they need.

In Zimbabwe, for instance, there are only around 340 vets serving the entire country.

SPANA, the Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad, believes that all animals deserve the right to high quality veterinary care, including working horses, donkeys, elephants and camels, which transport goods, people and water in the world's poorest communities.

Our vets are often their only hope, providing free treatment that simply wouldn't be available otherwise.

This World Animal Day, October 4, we're asking for your support to ensure that no animal has to suffer in silence.

Please visit [www.spana.org/worldanimalday](http://www.spana.org/worldanimalday) and help us provide working animals overseas with the same care and compassion as our own much-loved pets here in Britain.

**Geoffrey Dennis, chief executive, SPANA.**

## UK trade deal with Japan

The trade deal the UK Government has announced with Japan has been as heralded the UK's 'first major trade deal as an independent trading nation', a symbol of the clout of 'global Britain'.

The full details have not yet been released, but it's already clear the agreement largely replicates the contents of the tariff-reducing deal that the European Union concluded with Japan in 2018.

For UK firms trading with Japan this is not some kind of surge forward but simply largely replicating what was already in place.

And while the government announcement highlights potential gains to the UK economy of £1.5 billion over the long term, that represents less than 0.1 per cent of our economy.

Moreover, this is a gain relative to a future in which the UK had no trade deal with Japan, not relative to the UK's current position as a participant in the EU-Japan deal.

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Britain's total trade with Japan in 2018 amounted to £29 billion, while our trade with the rest of the European Union, by contrast, was £650 billion. So as a trading partner the EU is 20 times more important.

When one considers the 0.1 per cent of GDP support from this Japan trade deal, don't forget that the UK Government estimate that the long-term damage of a no deal Brexit would be around 7.5 per cent of GDP.

With the disastrous events of this week in the EU trade talks, this trade deal with Japan is paltry in economic terms when compared with the looming threat of a no-deal Brexit.

Alex Orr, Edinburgh.

### People with diabetes should get free flu jab

Diabetes Scotland is urging everyone with diabetes to take up the offer of a free flu jab. People who are eligible for a flu jab should be contacted in the next few weeks with instructions on how to get their vaccine.

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Angela Mitchell, Diabetes Scotland.

## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Hester Baker sent the Courier this photo of Davaar Island carpeted in purple heather. Hester, from Campbeltown, took the photograph a couple of weeks ago on her way to visit her mum in Peninver.

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) or send it to us via the Courier's Facebook page.

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# FROM OUR FILES

## TEN YEARS AGO

Friday September 24, 2010

### Residents call for 20's plenty scheme to be extended

Residents of High Street, Campbeltown, are calling for a new '20's plenty' scheme to be extended.

Because the street is the main route to Carradale for large vehicles including buses and lorries, the residents want the lower speed limit extended along their street.

Councillor Donald Kelly was successful in getting the signs put up in New Parliament Place and the Millknowe areas of Campbeltown; after reading about the scheme in the Courier, Helen Peterson, one of the residents, got in touch with him.

'There are lots of children in this area. And I personally feel it should be included in the 20's plenty scheme,' she said. 'Sometimes this road can be busier than Main Street in Campbeltown. We are right next to a school and it is the main road to and from Carradale.'

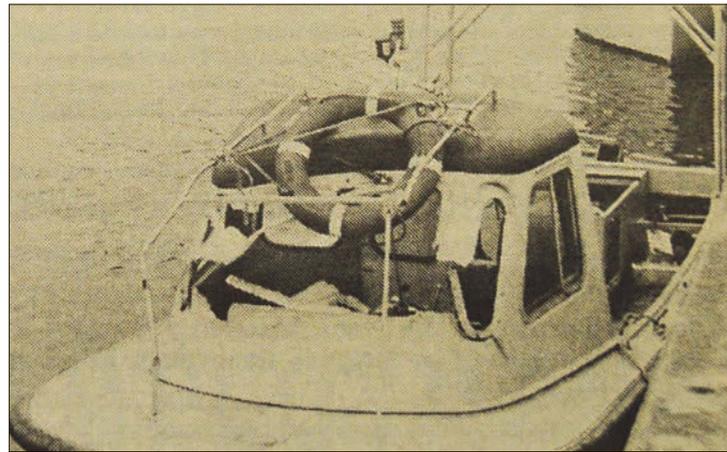
'There was an accident involving a child in the past and people do not want to see another one happen.'

## TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday September 29, 1995

### Lifeboat crew to be honoured

The crew of Campbeltown lifeboat are to be



In 1995: The Gille Brighde after the RNLI rescue.

honoured for their rescue of a man trapped in an air-bubble after his boat started sinking off Johnston's Point in March.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has announced that Coxswain Jim McPhee is to be awarded the institution's vellum for outstanding work. Last year only six incidents out of a total of 6,156 RNLI launches attracted vellum awards.

Vellum service certificates are being awarded to crew members David Cox, David Reid, Mark McGrory, Keith Wright, Charles McLellan, Graham McMurchy and Bruce Strang.

The rescue of Mr Dick Gannon, of Dunaskomel House, Campbeltown, attracted nationwide attention. He spent almost an hour trapped in the wheelhouse of his 27ft-boat Gille Brighde as it slowly sank.

In his official report on the incident Mr Kiran Nash, the RNLI's Deputy Divisional Inspector

for Scotland, praised the 'calm and effective action' of the Campbeltown crew during the rescue.

The lifeboat arrived to find only two feet of the Gille Brighde's bow remaining above the surface of the water.

Mr McPhee was reluctant to break any of the wheelhouse windows because the air-bubble inside appeared to be the only thing keeping the boat afloat.

But when a side window on the wheelhouse shattered and there was an escape of air it was decided to use the lifeboat's winch to pull the bows further out of the water and smash the main window.

Mr Gannon was then pulled out of the wheelhouse by Mark McGrory who was in the water along with Bruce Strang.

Mr Gannon was flown to hospital by Royal Navy helicopter.

The news the crew is being honoured was greeted with delight by Mr Gannon: 'It is very well deserved. I wrote to the RNLI giving my side of the story because I had a feeling the crew would play it down and make the whole thing lower key than it really was.'

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday September 24, 1970

### Kintyre Round Table

Kintyre Round Table is nearing completion of the preliminary stages of establishing itself as a fully independent table. The club receives its charter in November.

At present the table is organising a raffle to provide a television set for the Meadows School. All proceeds of the raffle will go to the school.

The table is holding a charity ball on December 4 and the proceeds will go to the Community Service Fund.

A special feature of the ball will be the cabaret appearance of The Islanders, the popular folk singing group.

### Carradale bank closing

The Bank of Scotland's Carradale sub-office is closing tomorrow.

The office has been in existence since before the Second World War - first in the village's Mission Hall and later in the premises used by the Royal Bank of Scotland.

### Biggest ever roll at CGS

There are 638 pupils on the roll of Campbeltown Grammar School this season - the highest in the history of the school.

And there are almost 200 pupils in the fourth, fifth and sixth years. Again this is the highest number of pupils ever recorded in a certificate course.

Grammar school rector Mr H L MacKenzie said yesterday that he had noticed the increase since the school adopted the comprehensive, or common course, policy three years ago.

Last year's total of 625 pupils was record-breaking also.

Eighteen pupils make up the school's sixth year this session. The sixth year is for pupils who hold university entrance requirements and are spending an extra year at school pursuing advanced studies.

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday September 18, 1920  
Lord Roberts' Memorial Fund

On Wednesday afternoon a very successful 'At Home' was given by Mrs J Macalister Hall of Killean in the Town Hall Campbeltown, in aid of the Lord Roberts' Memorial Workshops for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors.

During the afternoon a 'Song and Story' Recital was given by Madame Bertha Moore OBE assisted by Miss Marjorie Moore.

After an hour of varied and enjoyable entertainment, Madame Moore spoke briefly on behalf of the cause to which she is devoting her energies, The Lord Roberts' Memorial Workshops for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors.

A collection was afterwards taken and the contributions reached the handsome total of £160 7s and 7d.

Since the war began, Madame Bertha Moore OBE assisted by Miss Marjorie Moore has collected over £22,000 for this fund by similar entertainments and speeches in hotels and halls throughout the country.

It may also be added that besides doing this noble work for our disabled men the Moore family have done much to entertain our soldiers and sailors during the war and after the armistice.

Miss Decima Moore CBE another member of this gifted family was the Hon Director General and Founder of the British Empire Leave Club which so successfully looked after thousands of our soldiers in Paris during the war and in Cologne, Germany, after the armistice.

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## DOWN MEMORY LANE



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The family of the late Duncan Brown has given the Courier permission to serialise his booklet, *Boyhood Memories of the Wee Toon*, in our Down Memory Lane pages.

The booklet – in which the former toy-shop proprietor reminisces about shops, industries and shares numerous anecdotes from his childhood – was printed and published just a couple of weeks before he died on August 11, aged 95.

Last week, we shared the first half of the booklet's first chapter, titled Longrow and Town Centre, which we continue this week.

### Longrow and Town Centre - part two

At the bottom of the Diamond Vault, Mr Hall, the painter, had his store at one side while at the right were the premises owned by the MacDougall brothers, Malcolm, Hector and Peter, who were cart-wrights. This was a busy period for them as they were converting carts with wooden wheels to those with rubber inflatable tyre wheels.

We knew Hector and Peter, who both played for our favourite football team, The Pupils. The other cart-wrights in the town were the MacLachlan family in Glebe Street and they too were very busy in the 1930s.

Next stop was 'Cooper's Close' where we were fascinated watching the coopers making barrels; they were so quick and yet so skilful.

Armour, the plumber, was one of the busiest firms in the town and their workshops were situated across from where Kintyre Hire is now. To approach them, you had to climb a steep outside stair all made of wood.

Just inside were two workbenches side by side. At one of them sat Donald McKinven, who was a coppersmith and next to him was Peter MacArthur, a tinsmith. Both were very nice men and skilled tradesmen.

Donald had both legs ampu-

tated in the First World War and travelled to and from work in a wheelchair. At the time, we wondered how he got up that steep wooden stair but decided it wouldn't be polite to ask!

Next call would be at the cattle market, which at that time was held in the Albert Halls next to McNair's coal store. When an auction was held, it was interesting to see the various animals being led into the ring and to listen to the patter of the auctioneers.

On the other side of the coal store was the net factory (now Nickel and Dime).

Quite a number of girls were employed there, operating the many looms upstairs, while my uncle, Donald McInnes, was the engineer who serviced the looms and was also responsible for dyeing the nets with something called 'Kutch' which was from a place of that name in India.

Other men employed in the net factory were Willie

## Duncan Brown's boyhood memories of the Wee Toon

Waterson, Donald McDonald (known as Wee Donald Twice) and 'Crusoe' Robertson.

From the net factory, it wasn't far to the Old Quay, a great attraction for boys from all over the town – especially when fishing boats were landing their catches of herring.

On occasions, visits under the pier proved to be quite an adventure as clambering over the 'skeigs' (covered with wet seaweed) could result in returning home with visual evidence that you had been playing in forbidden territory!

See next week's Courier for more.



The photograph on the back of the booklet, taken in 1931, shows, from front to back: Duncan, aged six, his brother Daniel, aged eight, and their cousin Duncan, aged 11.

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# 'Amazing' response as LiveAr



Customer Sid Gallagher is welcomed at the reception to Aqualibrium.

The charitable trust which runs LiveArgyll has described the 'amazing' reaction it has received as it begins to welcome users back to its leisure centres including Campbeltown's Aqualibrium.

Kevin Anderson, general manager, also paid tribute to the 'formidable effort' by staff in getting the facilities open on the first allowable date.

Leisure centres, gyms and swimming pools are among the most recent facilities to be allowed to reopen as lockdown restrictions are eased in Scotland.

They were given the green light to resume from August 31, two weeks earlier than had been expected, and while many facilities across Scotland remained closed until September 14, LiveArgyll reopened as soon as it was possible to do so.

As a charitable trust, LiveArgyll is not run for profit. While some trusts have highlighted that it is simply not financially viable to reopen in the current climate, LiveArgyll – with support from Argyll

and Bute Council – says it put the health and wellbeing of its community ahead of the significant costs and the economic uncertainty of the current situation.

Adapting venues to meet social distancing requirements also comes with significant financial pressure and is an extremely complex exercise.

A spokesperson said: 'We're working hard to provide as many services as possible in the soft opening phase and we're hoping that our members and pay-as-you go users continue to support us as we continue to expand opening hours and programmes in the coming weeks and months ahead.'

LiveArgyll runs 28 venues and services across Argyll and Bute including leisure, libraries, archives and museums, halls, Active Schools and Sport Development, community centres and community lets.

A small number of services are now up and running including leisure, new click-and-collect library services in the six large town libraries,

outdoor pitches and Active Schools.

The charity says reopening the venues was a 'big and complex task' which involved bringing staff back from furlough, many of whom needed extensive training before starting work to ensure a safe environment for all staff and customers alike.

## Gyms and fitness classes

LiveArgyll gyms have reopened and fitness classes have commenced – but users will be asked to book in advance and their stay will involve a designated booking slot length to manage the number of people in buildings and to ensure enhanced cleaning and hygiene standards can be met.

Many gyms have moved equipment to areas with more space to allow users to social distance and the feedback from LiveArgyll customers has been great so far. In several areas spin bikes and classes



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# Argyll re-opens leisure centres

have been placed on sports courts or the halls to allow more room for activity to take place and ensuring all Scottish Government and industry guidance and protocols are followed for the health and safety of customers and staff.

Further fitness classes will also be added to the timetable in coming weeks as LiveArgyll progresses into phase two of its reopening route-map.

## Swimming pools

LiveArgyll, is carefully managing the initial soft opening phase based on overall demand for swimming pools.

With significantly reduced capacity, a lane swimming service has been introduced for competent swimmers aged eight and over during the current week-day service. LiveArgyll hopes to extend opening hours and accommodate all types of swimming users in weeks ahead.

Under current restrictions, offering programmes such as

swimming lessons and fitness classes such as Aquafit are more complex and, therefore, such services will slowly commence in phase two, as well as re-introducing the pay-as-you-go service for non-members.

Customer Caroline Sutherland said: 'I'm really impressed with what's been done. I got a "welcome back" from staff as I entered the building and it was great to be back.

'There's obviously been a lot of thought and work gone into the lay-out, one-way systems and cleaning/sanitising which has resulted in a very safe atmosphere. I'd like to thank all the staff for their hard work and looking forward to next week's classes - honestly!'

Jackie Theaker added: 'It is good to have the fitness classes up and running again. The staff have put a lot of work into reorganising the venue so that we can all enjoy a safe environment for our gym and fitness workouts. Thanks to you all.'

Library user Lindsay Els said: 'I was really happy to have some new books. There were

some good choices.'

Last year, as part of LiveArgyll's commitment to the health and well-being of communities as a local charity, it introduced a new affordable leisure membership scheme. The membership is all inclusive of gym, swim and fitness classes with single and family options available.

With all the positive feedback received across their facilities and confidence levels high, people are encouraged to get involved and support the Argyll and Bute charity.

Their highly trained and experienced staff are always on hand to offer support with health and well-being and fitness goals. For more information about membership, or to keep up-to-date with the phased re-opening route-map for LiveArgyll facilities and services, visit [liveargyll.co.uk](http://liveargyll.co.uk)

**Lane swimming has been introduced for competent swimmers at Aqualibrium.**



## 5k-a-day hero David Brown sets sights on finish line

Fundraising hero David Brown is well on his way to completing his challenge of running or walking five kilometres, or completing 25 minutes of exercise, every day of 2020 in a bid to raise money for charity as he maintains his fitness.

For every kilometre he completes, David donates 30p of his own money to the charity of his choice for that month. So far, he has donated to the British Heart Foundation, Marie Curie, Helen Gilchrist's Jolly Monday Show fundraising campaign, the Mairi Semple Cancer Fund, Kintyre Food Bank and charities which raise awareness of mental health, stroke, and primary ciliary dyskinesia.

The charity which will benefit this month is the Campbeltown Christmas Lights Group. This cause was chosen by Alistair Mackay, who runs an annual charity competition in memory of his parents, George and Jenny Mackay, at Campbeltown Bowling Club.



Fundraising hero David Brown.

by members of the charities he supports during his challenge. This month it was eight bowling club members, Mhairi Reid and Fiona Irwin for the food bank, and Mairi Semple Cancer Fund committee members and their friends in July.

In total, through the combined efforts of the Mairi Semple Cancer Fund committee members and David, £1,131 has been raised for the Kintyre charity which supports cancer relief and research.

David told the Courier: 'This week will see me enter the last 100 days of my challenge so the finish line is in sight. Thank you to everyone for all the support.'

As the competition could not take place this year, David, who is the current club president, decided to make Alistair's chosen charity this month's beneficiary.

David is frequently joined



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## Lockdown gives author Freddy Gillies cause for reflection

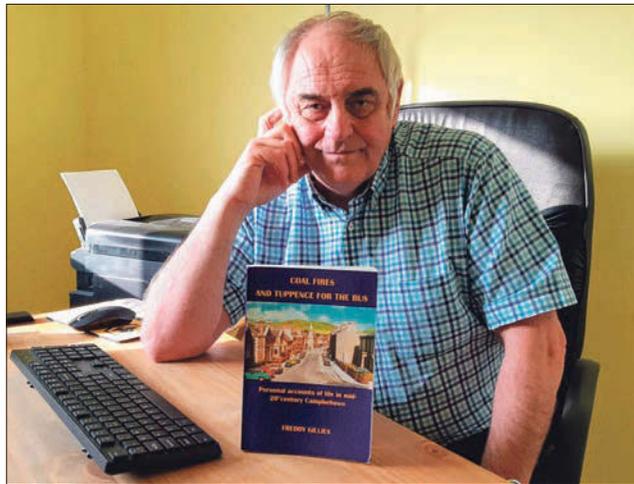
Covid-19 lockdowns and associated restrictions have spurred many people, including Campbeltown man Freddy Gillies, to revive interest in abandoned leisure pursuits.

Until the pandemic struck, Freddy had 'retired' from his erstwhile favourite spare time activity as the author of Kintyre and fishing-based books. His return to the keyboard, however, has resulted in the publication of an interesting tome which is now on the shelves.

Entitled *Coal Fires and Tuppence for the Bus*, the book is described by Freddy as a mini-social history covering life in 1950s/60s Campbeltown.

He said: 'The book looks back from today's consumer-driven society to a time when life in the town was altogether different, and we forget how little people had in comparison. Working class priorities were a roof over your head, food on the table, an occasional holiday with relatives and one or two luxuries such as a wireless or a vacuum cleaner.'

Freddy's introductory piece



Freddy Gillies.

is supplemented by candidly descriptive recollections – via taped conversations – of nine of his contemporaries who lived through the era.

He told the Courier that the overall message from his friends was clear: life was happier and less complicated, despite the paucity of material possessions and tighter financial situations.

Freddy is also hoping that younger readers will appreciate

how growing up in the town then was totally at odds with modern times.

Included in the book are evocative photographs, a collection of advertisements from a 1962 Campbeltown guide book, and images of a number of articles Freddy wrote as a Courier reporter in the 1960s.

*Coal Fires and Tuppence for the Bus* is available from The Old Bookshelf, Campbeltown.

## Education professionals join forces for Equity Week

Argyll and Bute education professionals will team up with fellow educators from throughout Scotland next week, to take part in a series of digital professional learning events to increase awareness of child poverty and the impact it has on learning.

The events are being led by the Northern Alliance – a regional improvement collaborative for eight local authorities including Argyll and Bute – in conjunction with Education Scotland, and are being run to promote Equity Week, which starts on Monday, September 28.

Argyll and Bute will be the first of four local authorities to present an anonymised case study of a family from the area, focusing on the effects Covid-19 has had on its members, as well as possible supports.

It is hoped these case studies will highlight the large variety of families who may be experiencing poverty or financial barriers, particularly in relation to education.

Argyll and Bute's principal educational psychologist will also lead a workshop on equity and wellbeing alongside the principal educational psychologist from Shetland Council. This will focus on building a trauma informed workforce to change working practices and improve outcomes for children and young people.

Campbeltown Grammar School and John

Logie Baird Primary will also be taking part in a live, virtual session focussed on children's rights with Bruce Adamson, Children and Young People's Commissioner for Scotland.

The council's policy lead for education, Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, said: 'Far too many young people across Scotland are growing up in poverty.'

'Covid-19 has put additional strains on already vulnerable families, so it is vital we look at ways to address this and help these young people.'

### Share knowledge

'By collaborating with our partners in the Northern Alliance, and driving forward Equity Week, we can share knowledge and ideas; look at how we make the best use of attainment funding; and explore ways to address the poverty-related attainment gap.'

'Every single one of our children and young people deserve equal opportunities to thrive and move onto positive destinations in life, regardless of their postcode or how much money their family has.'

'As a local authority, we are committed to helping them achieve this and this is one of the outcomes at the heart of the council's education strategy. Equity Week will provide a great opportunity for everyone involved to gain new insight into this and share positive examples of what works with our colleagues.'

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# The rewards of becoming a firefighter



Allan with a banner featuring some well-known faces - left to right, Watch Commander Duncan Litster, Lochgilphead; Crew Commander Minard volunteers Gail Cook; and Firefighter Duncan MacBrayne, Lochgilphead. no\_a39SFRS\_AllanMacIntyre 01

Allan MacIntyre from Ardrishaig joined the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service retained unit in Lochgilphead around four years ago. The 34-year-old says being a firefighter is something he had always wanted to do, but due to work commitments he never applied.

'I think I was a little apprehensive about applying as I had heard it was hard to get in to,' Allan explained.

'It was when I started working in Lochgilphead with the council in 2016 that I enquired about being a retained firefighter, as I felt I had the flexibility and wanted to give something back to the community I lived in. The council was supportive, and I went along to the station's drill night and asked a few questions about the role. The guys at the station were really helpful and explained how the on-call system worked. I then applied and was successful after some practical selection tests and an interview.

'I remember my first shout well. When the pager went

off I was at home eating my lunch and I got such a fright I ran straight out the front door leaving my lunch behind. It was a smell of burning from an electrical unit at the hospital which didn't turn out to be much but it was still exciting responding and dealing with the situation with the rest of the crew. When I got home that day my lunch was gone and there was a very guilty looking

**Being a retained firefighter gave me the opportunity to learn loads of new skills**

Labrador in the house, a mistake which I have since learned from.

'Being a retained firefighter gave me the opportunity to learn loads of new skills. There are the obvious ones like first aid training, but my people skills are much better and I'm a much more confident person now. Being able to use my skills and help people within my community is very rewarding and definitely laid the foundations for wanting to become a whole-time firefighter.

'When recruitment opened for whole-time firefighters, I applied thinking I may not even get in as it is such a

popular career. Being retained helped with my application and I progressed, after successful selection tests and interviews, to be offered a full-time position as a firefighter.

I then went to the national training centre for a 14-week foundation course. I was posted to Blue Watch Oban which I was delighted with as this is the closest whole-time



Allan MacIntyre: 'You'll get such a lot out of being a firefighter.'

station to me. Since then I have learned loads of new skills, I am a qualified swift water rescue technician, I have gained my LGV and trailer licence and I am also a qualified blue light driver.

'I am now on a dual contract, which means I am still a part of the retained unit in Lochgilphead as well as whole time in Oban. I cover a 90-hour contract in Lochgilphead which I cover on my days and nights off. My experience as retained firefighter has helped me where I am today and I was glad I was given the opportunity to serve the community.'

Allan continued: 'My family and friends are all really supportive and are proud of my progression. My three-year-old boy loves it and every time the pager goes, he's shouting: 'Daddy, you need to go - quick daddy'. It can be hard sometimes not to wake the house when the pager goes in the middle of the night. You need to be well prepared with your clothes laid out every night ready

to spring out of bed and out quickly. I first imagined it as being the end of my social life with having to cover so many hours but it isn't like that at all. There is an online booking system which we organise on a Monday night together to make sure the week ahead is covered and time off is fair for everyone.

'For anyone thinking about joining the retained I would urge them to contact the station or contact one of the crew members. They would be more than happy to show or discuss with you what's all involved. You will have to give up some time, but in

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return you'll get such a lot out of it and it's great to be doing something so meaningful in your community and, who knows, you may even find yourself in a whole new career like I have.'

For more information on joining the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, please contact your local fire station or email [verina.litster@firescotland.gov.uk](mailto:verina.litster@firescotland.gov.uk)

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# Farmers encouraged to focus on nature

A ground-breaking new project, encouraging farmers to manage flower-rich meadows, help vulnerable populations of wading birds thrive and restore peatlands has the potential to replace EU schemes.

The pilot, which launches this month, is led by NatureScot on behalf of the Scottish Government.

A successful first phase, completed in spring this year, consulted with more than 60 farmers and crofters across Scotland, in Argyll, East Lothian, Shetland, Skye, Strathspey and the Outer Hebrides.

Participating farmer Jim Simmons of Ruthven farm near Tomintoul said: 'Having the opportunity to be involved in this new points-based, agri-environment scheme



Farmers in Argyll try a scorecard which rewards species composition and structure of grassland. Photograph: NatureScot

from the start has been a step forward. This project brought together a group of like-minded practical farming folk who have had the chance

to give input from the start to help create a scheme which is practical and likely to achieve its aims, while continuing to allow productive farming. In

the past, schemes have sometimes been too prescriptive, not allowing flexibility, for example, for differences in geographical areas and the timing of seasons.'

Now ready to run up to 2023, and with an initial development phase spend of £150,000, the project will see participants paid for the results they achieve through managing nature rich areas on dairy farms in south west Scotland; developing flower rich habitats in Argyll and Skye and managing habitat for wading birds in Strathspey.

The aim is to develop a tried-and-tested approach that can become an important part of future rural support beyond 2024.

Claudia Rowse, NatureScot's head of natural resources, ex-

plained: 'With more flexibility than traditional environmental support schemes, this exciting project has the potential to transform rural payments.'

'Farmers decide how to achieve a positive environmental result on their land and their fields' environmental quality is scored. The more the land supports nature, the higher the score and consequently the higher the payment.'

'Farmers know best how to improve nature on their farms and we want to help build on their knowledge and expertise. Investing in nature is one of the most cost effective ways of making our communities sustainable and more resilient.'

'As lockdown lifts, farmers across Scotland have a vital role to play in a green recovery that puts nature and nature-based

solutions at the heart of rebuilding our economy.'

Martin Kennedy, vice president of the National Farmers Union of Scotland (NFUS), added: 'At NFUS we believe in farming that supports a healthy environment for the next generation and in a way that integrates food production alongside biodiversity and climate change. Higher payments for delivering greater environmental outcomes is a sensible approach as long as the farmer has control over the result.'

The launch comes in the month Scottish Natural Heritage became 'NatureScot' as part of its drive to adapt the organisation to meet current environment challenges and deliver the change needed to secure a nature rich future.



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## Around the markets

**United Auctions, Dalmally, Saturday September 19:** sold 3,591 sheep of all classes; 2,575 lambs averaged £51.12 (+£14.16). The 1,666 BF lambs averaged £47.83. An increased entry on the year sold well despite the entry of lambs being of smaller sorts. Averages on the year rose in line with other principal centres and all consignors were satisfied with their returns on the day.

**Leading prices per head:**

Lambs - BF - £63.00, Stronmagachan; £62.00, Littleport; £60.50, Inchgarth; £60.00, Auchreoch; £58.50, Blarghour; £58.50, Achnaba; £58.00, Bragleenbeg; £57.50, Benmore; £55.50, Glenfalloch; £53.50, Barachander; £53.00, Eden Taggart; £52.00, Blarghour; £51.50, Dunans; £51.00, Auchreoch; £51.00, Doune of Glendouglas; £50.50, Couston; £50.00, Meallagie; £50.00, Eurach; £50.00, Bragleenbeg. SuffX - £72.50, Auchnashul; £68.50, Fasgadh; £61.00, Blarmafoldach. LleyX - £62.50, Blarghour. BeltX - £67.50, £64.50, Blarghour. TexX - £86.00, Tullochcan; £83.00, Craigmores; £76.50, Stronmagachan; £76.00, Keilbeg; £73.00, Slatich; £69.00, Tullochcan; £68.00, Craigmores. Chev - £78.00, £66.50, Inchgarth; £64.00, Slatich; £63.50, Glenshero; £62.00, Inverlair. Cross - £66.50, Blarghour; £66.00, Auchreoch; £62.00,

Brenchoille; £62.00, Ardsheal; £61.00, Brackley; £61.00, Eurach; £60.00, Brackley. Swa - £60.00, £54.00, Achalic.

Feeding Ewes - TexX - £57.50, Keilbeg. Chev - £58.00, Ardsheal; £51.00, Lochdochart. Cross - £58.00, Greenfield; £50.00, Tombuie; £46.00, Craigmores; £45.00, Glenshero. BF - £52.50, Clachan Farms; £49.50, Barachander; £49.00, Scallasaig; £40.00, Garrogie; £40.00, Eurach.

**Leading prices per kilo:**

Lambs - BF - 208p, 196p, Littleport; 189p, Eden Taggart; 188p, Inchgarth; 187p, Blarghour; 186p, Brackley; 186p, Scallasaig; 186p, Blarghour; 186p, Inchgarth. SuffX - 239p, Ardsheal; 204p, Achnacone. LleyX - 208p, Blarghour. BeltX - 227p, 216p, Blarghour. TexX - 205p, 204p, Craigmores; 203p, Bragleenmore; 203p, Slatich; 202p, Blarmaoldach; 200p, Garrogie Estate. Chev - 223p, Slatich; 218p, Inverlair; 211p, Dunans; 211p, Auchnashul; 211p, Ardsheal; 205p, Fasgadh; 205p, Inchgarth; 203p, Lochdochart; 202p, Glenshero; 201p, Inverlair; 200p, Lochdochart. Cross - 227p, Brackley; 225p, Fasgadh; 217p, 216p, Balnahard; 215p, 214p, Brackley; 212p, Ardsheal; 208p, Garrogie; 207p, Brackley; 206p, Scallasaig; 200p, Brackley; 200p, Bragleenmore.

**Dingwall and Highland Marts Limited, Fort William, Saturday September 19:** sold 365 weaned calves and store cattle, 16 OTM cattle and five adult head of breeding cattle. Bullocks (205) averaged 268.4p (+48.1p on the year) and sold to 352.9p per kg for a 170kg Limousin cross from 5 Burnside, Argyll, and £945 gross for a pen of 410kg Limousin crosses from Lurignish Farm, Appin. Heifers (160) averaged 257.9p (+67.0p on the year) and sold to 300.0p per kg for a pair of 205kg Simmental crosses from Burnside, Isle of Mull, and £950 gross for a 425kg Limousin cross from Lurignish Farm.

Breeding cattle (five) sold to £1,200 gross for a Hereford bull from Ardtornish Farms, Morven. OTM cattle (16) sold to 127.8p per kg and £1,010 gross for an Aberdeen Angus cross from National Trust, Isle of Canna. All classes realised a substantial rise on the year.

**Other leading prices per head and per kg:**  
Bullocks 200-250kg - Myrtle Moss Croft, Strontian, £710, Dalilea, Acharacle, 333.3p; 251-300kg - Ardtornish Farms, £830, Fersit, Roy Bridge, 294.1p; 301-350kg - Moy Farm, Banavie, £845, Fersit, 262.3p; 351-400kg - Balmaglaster, Spean Bridge, £930, 232.5p; 401kg and over - Isle of Canna, £920, Lurignish, 230.5p.

Heifers 200-250kg - Fersit, £710, 295.8p; 251-300kg - Lundavra, Fort William, £710, Moy Farm, 262.5p; 301-350kg - Lurignish, £890, 254.3p; 351-400kg - Moy Farm, £900, Lurignish, 213.7p; 401-450kg

- Lurignish, £920, 223.5p.

**United Auctions, Lochboisdale, Wednesday September 16:** sold 2,257 sheep of all classes. Lambs (1796) averaged £52.56 (+£12.05). This second sale also had an increased entry on the year. The majority of lambs on offer were second and third draws which sold well and in keeping with current mainland levels.

**Leading Prices:**

Lambs - SuffX - £77.00, Truimsгарry; £75.00, 6 Rhuban; £72.00, Driamore; £70.50, 12 Locheport; £70.00, Truimsгарry; £70.00, 249 Daliburgh. TexX - £84.00, 1 Balivanich; £84.00, 90/110 Borve; £79.00, Driamore; £76.00, 340 North Boisdale; £74.00, 28 Griminish; £72.00, £71.00, 90/110 Borve; £71.00, 20 West Gerinish; £70.00, 49 Balgarva; £70.00, 8 West Kilbride; £70.00, 11A East Gerinish; £70.00, 20 West Gerinish; £70.00, 44 Linnique. LleyX - £64.50, 8 Milton. ChaX - £61.50, 325 North Boisdale. Chev - £78.00, 49 Balgarva; £74.00, 3 South Locheynort; £72.00, 1 Airidhmhuillin; £72.00, Ardkenneth; £69.00, 8 Peninerine; £67.00, 28 Griminish; £66.00, 261 Daliburgh; £66.00, £65.00, 1 Airidhmhuillin; £65.00, Truimsгарry.

Cross - £75.00, 1 Balivanich; £73.00, Driamore; £71.00, 6 Rhuban; £68.50, 7 Frobost; £68.00, 1 Balivanich; £63.00, 49 Balgarva; £61.50, 7 Frobost; £61.00, Ardkenneth; £61.00, 6 Newton Ferry. Mule - £77.00, £61.50; 90/110 Borve. HampX - £72.50, Doon. BF -

£78.00, 388 Garrynamonie; £63.00, 4 Kilerivagh. Rams - Suff - £280, £160, 6 Dunganichy. Tex - £150, 2 Grimsey Island. Chev - £160, 3 Nunton; £145, Corunna. Ewes - SuffX - £74.00, 414 Smerclate. TexX - £76.00, 383 Garrynamonie; £70.00, 379A Garrynamonie; £68.00, 340 North Boisdale. Chev - £72.00, 7 Ormiclate. Cross - £68.00, 414 Smerclate; £64.00, Truimsгарry. BF - £72.00, £62.00, 2/3 Rarnish.

**C & D Auction Marts for the Kintyre Agricultural Society**

There was a centre record price and the best ever total at the annual Campbeltown sheep sale last Saturday, with the sunny day benefitting the outdoor venue. The sale of 120 rams and 510 breeding was organised by C and D Auction Marts of Longtown for the Kintyre Agricultural Society. At £900, the top price ram was a Suffolk shearling from Messrs MacIntyre, Glenahervie, Southend, which was purchased by N and F McNaughton, Dalmore, Tayinloan. Messrs MacIntyre also sold a Suffolk shearling at £750 to R Millar, High Cattadale. R Millar bought another, at £600, from Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh, who also sold at £480 and £420. Suffolk shearlings and ram lambs averaged £458. Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh, also featured in the Bluefaced Leicester section which he topped with a shearling at £600 to R Millar, who purchased another at £480 from Messrs Semple, Dalbhraddan.

Other Leicesters went to £450, twice, from Kilkeddan. J and M Turner, Kildalloigo, paid £520 for a Texel shearling from A and J Pirie, Machrihanish Farm. I McKendrick, High Dalrioch, sold four Texel shearlings at £420 each with others from Messrs Cairns, Lochside, and High Dalrioch at £400. Texel lambs made to £400 from C McMillan, Low Tirfergus. Jeffrey Parkhouse, Inverae, sold Charollais rams at £420 and £400, twice, and Beltex cross shearlings from R and J Lines, Killoccraw, again sold to £420 and £400.

Overall, shearlings of all breeds averaged £331 with ram lambs levelling at £222. Breeding females saw the usual strong demand which is a feature of this year's trade. A nice entry of Blackface gimmers sold to £185 paid by A J Ronald, Coulinlongart, to M Huysamer, Laggan View, who also sold at £140 with other Blackface gimmers to £150 Brennanlea and £135 High Dalrioch. Mule gimmers from Skernish and Darlochan Yard made £180 with the latter selling Texel gimmers at £155. Ewes sold to £140 from G Gillespie and ewe lambs to £120 from P Grumoli. A reduction of stock Blackfaces from Carskyle Estate sold to £112.

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

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

## MAGIC SQUARE

### CLEANER SOIL IN JAR

Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically.


# Quiz Challenge

- Who was the elder brother of Moses and first High Priest of Israel?
- The whaling novel Moby-Dick was by which author?
- Who produced the iconic Stratocaster electric guitar in 1954?
- Which gas is produced by yeast, enabling bread dough to rise?
- What is the common name for the North African granular pasta made from crushed and steamed semolina?
- What S is a small type of harpsichord?
- Jennifer Ellison played Emily Shadwick in which TV soap opera?
- What was the name of the balsa wood raft used by Thor Heyerdahl to partially cross the Pacific?
- What is tencha a type of?
- In 2016, the NASA spacecraft Juno successfully went into orbit around which planet, after a five-year journey?

## NONAGRAM

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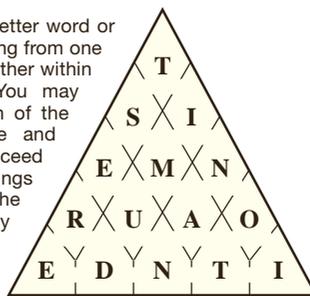
How many words of four letters or more can you make from this Nonagram? Each word must use the central letter, and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

**Guidelines:** 32 Good; 38 Very Good; 44 Excellent.

Any word found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where another variant is also eligible).

## WORD PYRAMID

Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may appear in any chamber.



## FIVE ALIVE

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Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

## CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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### ACROSS

- Girl only a small space away, relatively speaking ... (12)
- .... and being the closest, relatively speaking (4,2,3)
- Be apathetic for the most part with a household implement (3)
- Objector to party line (7)
- Possess about 50 to divide in two (5)
- Bustle around making fine distinctions (6)
- Go without food, the way one might rave about it (6)
- Change officer after a word of hesitation (5)
- Dates he swapped for earphones (7)
- Chimney found in Glasgow slums (3)
- Elf keeps warm on the cooker perhaps (9)
- Jockey drawn by an author (5,7)

### DOWN

- License one vehicle to be on the road for hire (7)
- Quietly left the line in the middle to search for prey (5)
- Secure, say, a place in Turkey (6)
- Variety of noughts coming from a rifle (7)
- Tiger perhaps has large number in the end (5)
- On one's behalf making another gift (12)
- Edges higher, heels make one thus (6,6)
- Dog that goes from side to side (7)
- One who takes stock out of range (7)
- Irrational fear starts to put him off buying important articles (6)
- I had boy starting to be fearful (5)
- In the middle of part of exam on geography (5)

## QUICK CROSSWORD

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### ACROSS

- Garbage can (7)
- Drill (4)
- Sicilian volcano (4)
- Top layer (7)
- Large bag (4)
- Dart (4)
- Wigwam (5)
- In a single direction (3-3)
- Remember (6)
- Tiles (6)
- Having two spouses (6)
- Gaze fixedly (5)

### DOWN

- Sly glance (4)
- Primary (4)
- Devious (7)
- Small bird (4)
- Prayer ending (4)
- Underground cell (7)
- Drink mixer (4)
- Writing table (4)
- Southern county (6)
- Sports jacket (6)
- Require (4)
- Burden (4)
- Nuptial (7)
- Reduce to ashes (7)
- South-eastern US state (7)
- Calm, peaceful (7)
- Stories (5)
- Mysterious, weird (5)
- Filter (6)
- Contusion (6)
- Beige (4)
- Tear to bits (4)
- Miserly (4)
- Separate article (4)

## SUDOKU

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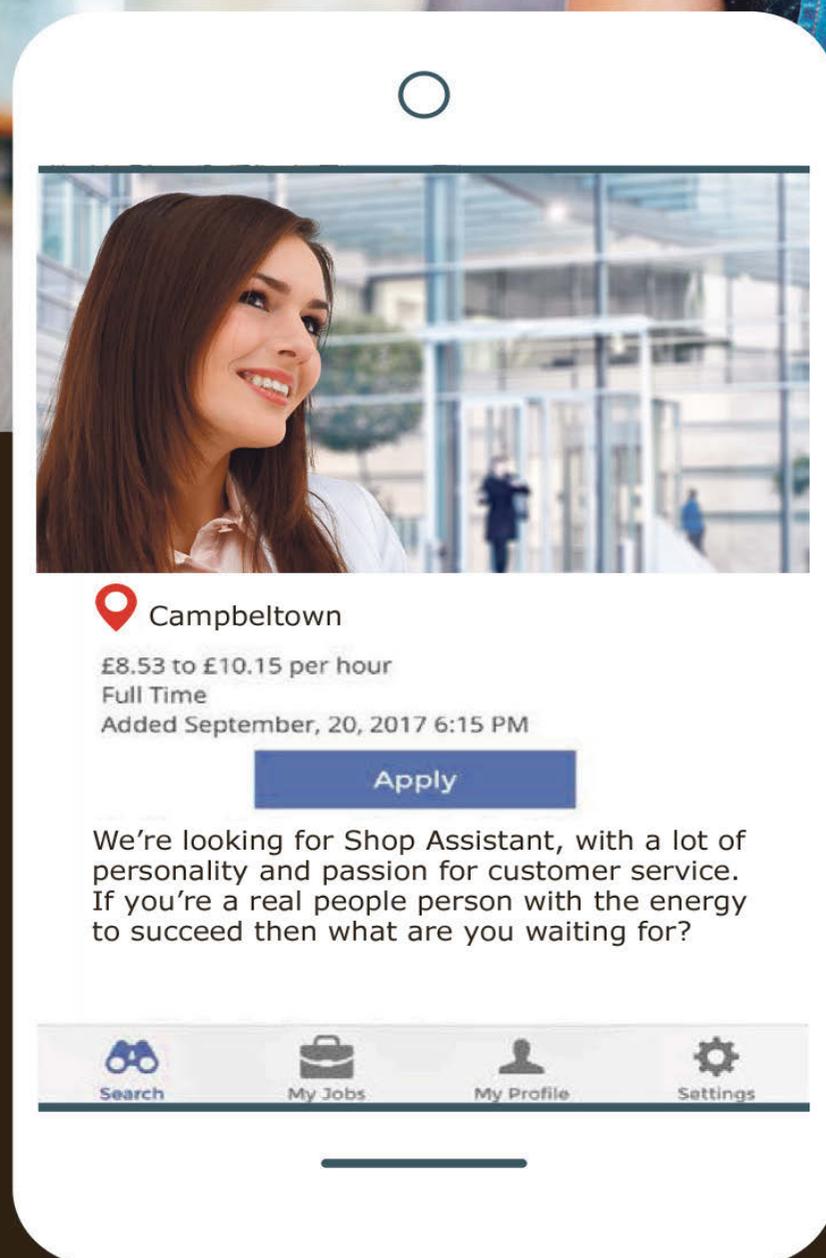


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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## East Kintyre Community Council Windfarm Trust

Applications are invited for funding from the second disbursement this year from the above trust.

Grants for capital or revenue funding may be available to charities, community groups and village halls within the East Kintyre Community Council area bordered by Groport to the North and Peninver to the South.

Advice, criteria and application forms are available on the Windfarm Trust pages of the East Kintyre Community website - eastkintyre.org or

alternatively from the Secretary/Treasurer:

Alasdair Bennett

Tel: 01583 431112

E-mail: ekccwft@hotmail.com

Closing date for applications:  
**Thursday 29 October 2020**



The Cour Windfarm Community Benefit Fund has been established to support community groups, social enterprises, charitable organisations and local enterprise in the community council areas of East Kintyre, West Kintyre and Tarbert & Skipness. The fourth funding round is now open for applications until 30th October 2020.

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Details of the application process and fund criteria can be found at <https://ferncommunityfunds.com/cour-community-fund/>

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## Argyll and Bute Council

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But the news is not good: Covid is not going away; constraints are still upon us; we cannot meet freely with friends and relatives; further restrictions will be placed upon us; they say that Christmas will virtually be cancelled.

The future is not looking bright. Is there any hope?

Racism is on the increase, natural disasters destroy people's homes and lives, the incidence of suicide has risen, animal cruelty continues to horrify us, the UK government continues to sell arms to oppressive regimes with horrific consequences, and as Brexit talks stall and stutter, it has lost credibility in the international arena.

The natural world is threatened with the extinction of so many wonderful creatures because of human greed and indifference.

Is there any hope?

'Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.' Desmond Tutu said this and he is certainly someone who knows about clinging to hope.

The Bible says that 'faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen'.

Maybe in this time of what might seem like hopelessness, we need to refocus our lives and set our thoughts on that which is good, that which is honourable and that which is worth preserving.

Maybe we need to see past the destruction and the sadness, past the devastation and the cruelty to the beauty, the promise, the hope and the future.

Maybe we need to pray for that future - a future filled with hope and care, with vision and promise; a hope that is God shaped and Kingdom focussed.

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**RHUNAHORINE**

**Request goes out for tent to aid outdoor learning**

Rhunahaorine Primary school is appealing for a bell tent which could be used as a snug or reading area during outdoor learning, something which has massively increased due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Bell tents typically feature a single central pole, covered with cotton canvas. Ideally, the school would like one measuring six feet wide but would welcome any donations.

Acting head teacher Catriona Brown said: 'If anyone has one that they no longer use and would like to donate to the school it would be very much appreciated.'

The school can be contacted by telephoning 01583 441269.

**ISLAY**

**Mystery mesh-snipper lets rabbits back in cemetery**

Islanders are being asked to 'grass' on a mystery mesh-snipper letting nuisance rabbits back into a cemetery on Islay.

Argyll and Bute Council is urging anyone who knows who is responsible to tell the local authority or police.

Highlands and Islands MSP Donald Cameron has also expressed concern at the distress being caused to the relatives of people buried at Kilnaughton Cemetery near Port Ellen because of the rabbits that are digging under graves.

Mr Cameron said: 'I have been contacted by a number of people who are, frankly, dismayed by the impact rabbits are having on the burial ground.'

'Despite the best efforts of council staff, who have sought to fence the cemetery off with rabbit-proof mesh, they are finding that the mesh is being cut, which is allowing the rabbits back in.'



**Rabbits are getting back in through cut meshing to make a mess in the cemetery, digging holes.**

He added: 'The result is that pathways are being damaged and floral tributes destroyed. I find it extraordinary that anyone would deliberately interfere with attempts to keep rabbits out of the cemetery and urge whoever is responsible to desist.'

'Places of rest should be respected, as should the feelings of family members who wish to visit the graves of their loved ones.'

Kintyre and the Islands councillor Alastair Redman has also been contacted by upset families.

'This is an issue the community really cares about,' he said. 'I do hope the council staff will be allowed to do their job, keep the cemetery safe and just as visitors would hope to find it.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: 'Our team on Islay has worked hard to protect Kilnaughton Cemetery from rabbits burrowing in from the neighbouring area. It is shameful if someone is adding to the distress of families by deliberately cutting the mesh put there to shield graves.'

'We have reinstated the mesh and we are using humane traps to catch the rabbits. If anyone has any information about who has vandalised the mesh, please get in touch with us or the police. We would also ask people to help by making sure the gate is shut when visiting the cemetery.'

**INVERARAY**

**Coastguard water rescue training at Crrae**

Inveraray Coastguard Rescue Team returned to operational training on Saturday September 12 for the first time since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

After completing a series of online skill checks, volunteers spent the day practising water rescue techniques with Senior Coastal Operations Officer Alec Wallace.

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DEATHS

**CAMPBELL** - Peacefully at home, 1 Park Terrace, Campbeltown, on September 20, 2020, Alexander McFadyen Campbell (Nicky) in his 86th year, formerly of 27b Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Alexander and Catherine Campbell, much loved brother of Alice and Jan and a loving uncle, great-uncle and great-great-uncle. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Nicky's funeral will take place on Friday, September 25. The cortege will leave the home address, 1 Park Terrace, at 1.00 p.m., after a short prayer. We will pass through Longrow, Longrow South, Main Street and round the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Nicky may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

**COOPER** - Passed away at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness on September 17, 2020, Victor Cooper, aged 90 years, Fairfield Road, Inverness, beloved husband of the late Iseobel Scott, also a dear dad and pappy. Funeral Service private in Cumlodden Church of Scotland, Furnace; thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery. Arrangements by D. Chisholm & Sons.

**DOW** - Suddenly but peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on September 19, 2020, George Raymond Dow,

in his 75th year, 15A John Street, Campbeltown. Dearly beloved husband of Margaret Dow, much loved dad of Jacqueline and Raymond, father-in-law of Jimmy and Orla, loving grandpa of Rachel Julia, Sophia, Robert and Emma. Funeral private.

**MACKINNON** - Peacefully at her home, 3 Glenfyne Terrace, Ardrishaig on September 22, 2020, after an illness fought with great dignity and courage, Connie MacKinnon, née MacIndeor, aged 60 years. Beloved wife of James MacKinnon, adored Mum of David, Ailsa, James and Nicola. A very proud Granny of Chloe, Liam, Keiron, Laila, Scott, Joshua and Alexander. Much respected mother-in-law of Margaret, Donnie, Emma and Michael. A dear sister, sister-in-law, aunt and cousin to all the extended family. A good neighbour and very dear friend to many. A private funeral service will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020. Donations can be made in Memory of Connie to Secondary 1st (Breast Cancer) via Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors. The funeral cortege will leave from Connie's home in Ardrishaig at 11.30 a.m., passing via West Bank Road, Ardrishaig Parish Church, and then Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, before proceeding to Lochgilphead travelling up Argyll Street, Lochgilphead at approximately 11.45 a.m., on route to Achnabreac Cemetery.

**RUSSELL** - Suddenly but peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on September 16, 2020, Douglas Muir Russell, in his 86th year, Tir-na-n-og, Southend, dearly beloved husband of Margaret Watson, much loved dad of Craig, Angela and Darlene, loving grandpa of Douglas, Ciaran, Rashan, Michelle and Mikaela and a loving papa to Caitlin. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Douglas's funeral will take place on Saturday, September 26. The cortege will leave the family home at 1.00 p.m., after a short prayer. We will pass Macharoch onto Blasthill Brae and through Southend village on our way to Keil Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Douglas may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**MACVEAN** - After the sad loss of Alasdair, his family thank all the staff at the Mid Argyll Community Hospital, the Beatson and The Queen Elizabeth University Hospital. Thanks also to the Mid-Argyll Transport Volunteers for the invaluable service provided. Thanks to all family and friends for their cards, phone calls and last respects on the day of the service. Special thanks to Rev. Hilda Smith, all at Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors, to Morna for the floral tributes and Kilmartin Hotel for the

purvey. Donations in memory of Alasdair for Alzheimer Scotland and Cancer Research U.K. raised £440.00.

**MITCHELL** - The family of the late Mary Wilkinson would like to thank everyone for their kind letters, cards, messages of sympathy and donations to the Mairi Semple Fund.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**BROWN** - In loving memory of Eddie, passed away September 25, 2000. Gone but never forgotten. - Isobel xx

CHURCH NOTICES

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



**Our building is open for Sunday services and you would be welcome on Sunday, 27th September at 11am**

to join with us in our praise and worship when John Dominik will be conducting the service

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

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

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Contact phone number 01586 551237 - Church Secretary

ST KIERAN RC CHURCH

St. John Street, Campbeltown 01586 552160  
Rev Tony Wood [stkieransrc.org](http://stkieransrc.org)  
**Public Mass will be celebrated on Wednesdays and Sundays at 10am.**

Anyone wanting to attend a public Mass should register with Fr. Tony by telephone or email. 01586 552160 [campbeltown@rcdai.org.uk](mailto:campbeltown@rcdai.org.uk)

Please give: Name, address, telephone no., and number from the household wishing to attend, and the date of the Mass.

Live streaming on Facebook will continue. (SC002876)

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



**South Kintyre Team Ministry**  
**Sunday morning Worship**  
10.00 am Highland Church Campbeltown SC002493  
10.00am Saddell and Carradale Church SC002609  
11.30 am Southend Church SC005484  
COVID 19 Precautions apply  
Ministers  
Revd Steve Fulcher  
Revd Chris Fulcher  
01586830504  
[www.kintyreparishes.org.uk](http://www.kintyreparishes.org.uk)

SALVATION ARMY



**Sunday 27th September**  
**Worship service 3pm**  
**Covid 19 measures in place**

If we can be of any assistance to anyone during this time please call us on 01586 552046  
Major Ruth Russell  
Scottish Charity Number SC009359

CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH



George Street, Campbeltown

**free church of scotland**

**Sunday 27th September**  
11.15am Worship Service  
11.15am Sunday School  
**Wednesday 30th September**  
12 noon  
Prayer & Bible Study  
Covid-19 Government guidelines apply to all meetings  
*All welcome*  
[www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk](http://www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk)  
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



**Sunday Service, 11 am at SKDT Hall, Kirk Street**  
**Covid-19 Government guidelines apply**  
Pastor Mark Jasper 01586 554 092  
[pastor@campbeltown-communitychurch.co.uk](mailto:pastor@campbeltown-communitychurch.co.uk)  
[www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk](http://www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk)  
SC043322

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

**Sunday 27th September 2020**

"Let us therefore strive to enter that rest" (Hebrews 4:11)

Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm  
Reflections will continue to be available at the gates of the churches.

**Wednesdays**  
from 12:45pm to 1:15pm in Ardrishaig Church  
"A Time for Reflecting"

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

charity number SC001002  
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[www.northknapdale.org](http://www.northknapdale.org)

GLASSARY, KILMARTIN AND FORD PARISH CHURCH

Barr Mhor, Kilmartin  
**Sunday 27th September**  
Service at 10am  
Rev Robert MacLeod  
*A very warm welcome awaits*  
Please wear face covering

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686  
**Sunday 27th September**  
Worship Service 11.15am  
Video message on Facebook each Wednesday  
Rev. W Crossan  
All COVID 19 precautions apply

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

**Sunday 27th September**  
Skipness Service 10.00am - J Malcolm  
Tarbert service - 11.30am - J Malcolm  
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Skipness - Charity No: SC004280

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# Mixed weather for golf weekend competitions

High winds continued to plague Dunaverty Golf Club players last Saturday as they attempted to win the September Medal and qualify for next season's Muneroy Cup.

John Docherty and Robert Irvine, playing together in the first group, set the target with John returning a nett 66 only to be bettered by Robert's 63.

The wind did abate slightly in the afternoon and Andrew Barbour, who only returned to golf 18 months ago, took full advantage to record his best score to date. Playing off a handicap of 16, he went out in 40 strokes and returned in 38 to give him a winning nett total of 62.

Result: 1 Andrew Barbour 72-16=62, 2 Robert Irvine 72-

9=63, 3 Alex Arkell 78-13=65, 4 Donald Hardman 80-14=66 (bih), 5 John Docherty 74-8=66, 6 Neil Brodie 76-9=67.

It's amazing the difference a day makes, weather-wise, as players enjoyed glorious sunshine as they competed in the Mixed Pairs competition on Sunday.

This is normally played on a knockout basis but due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this proved impossible this year so it was held as a one-day event instead and proved to be a most enjoyable one for the 16 teams which took part.

Played as a Texas Scramble, where each player had to have six drives each, some competitors had to play from some unaccustomed places.



David MacBrayne and Linda Arkell, winners of Dunaverty Golf Club's Mixed Pairs competition, centre, with second placed Steven Garrett and Susan McLennan, left, and third placed Donald Brown and Sophie Garrett, right.

In glorious weather, on an excellently prepared course by greenkeepers Haydn Chambers and Campbell

MacBrayne, scoring was very close. The winning combination of Linda Arkell and David MacBrayne had a great round

with only two bogeys on their card but these were offset by three birdies. Their first nine total of 31, combined with the

second nine of 34, gave them a winning margin of 1.5 over Sophie Garrett and Donald Brown (Southend) who, with a better inward half, pushed Susan McLennan and Steven Garrett into third place.

The teams were unanimous in their opinions that this format should be retained for the future.

Result: 1 Linda Arkell and David MacBrayne 65-7.8=57.2, 2 Sophie Garrett and Donald Brown (Southend) 67-8.3=58.7 (bih), 3 Susan McLennan and Steven Garrett 71-12.3=58.7, 4 Katherine Hardman and Jim Williamson 68-9=59, 5 Lindsay Garrett and Alex Arkell 67-6.5=60.5, 6 Lorna Cook and Bill Brannigan 75-13.8=61.2 (bih).



Niamh McSporrán trains as coaches look on.

## Mixed martial arts club is back with a bang

Campbeltown's youth mixed martial arts (MMA) club returned to action last weekend after a break, during which its new premises was extensively renovated.

The coaches and members of Core MMA Campbeltown gathered at the former scout hall on John Street last Friday evening for a socially distanced return to training.

The club, which was founded in October last year, aims to relieve the small town boredom that some youngsters experience, ensuring

they remain focused on something positive. The youngsters practise MMA which is described as 'an extreme combat sport' during which participants are allowed to use the fighting techniques of wrestling and boxing, as well as those of martial arts including kickboxing, judo and karate.

The club has been very well supported since its inception, with a waiting list to join and local donations helping to fund the hall's renovations.

## McFadyens AM AM

Thirty-one teams took part in the McFadyens Contractors' AM AM at Machrihanish Golf Club on Saturday September 12.

The winning team was Alan Glendinning, Kevan Gilchrist, Graham Gilchrist and Andrew Robertson with a score of 123 - a great score in not so great weather conditions.



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