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Hospitality suffers amid latest Covid restrictions

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Several Campbeltown and Kintyre hoteliers and bar owners have spoken out about the potentially 'crippling' impact of the latest government restrictions on the hospitality sector.

New temporary measures to reduce the spread of Covid-19 were introduced last week in a bid to tackle a record rise in cases.

The 16-day 'circuit break' lockdown is in place across Scotland, with tighter restrictions across the central belt, where the infection rate is highest.

The new measures, which came into force last Friday, mean pubs, restaurants and other hospitality venues serving food and drink are only allowed to open indoors between 6am and 6pm, as long as they do not sell alcohol. Licensed premises will be able to sell alcohol outdoors until 10pm.

Takeaways can continue, and evening meals may be served in accommodation for residents only but no alcohol can be served.

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The restrictions have resulted in major operational changes for some businesses, while many pubs have chosen to close their doors completely until the restrictions are lifted.

Nick Fletcher, owner of the Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy, and secretary at Explore Kintyre and Gigha, said: "The hospitality sector has worked

hard in Kintyre to adapt to the Scottish Government's necessary restrictions over the past few months to ensure our customers and team members are as safe as they can be. This has resulted in a drop in business for most of us, but we accept that as the price to be paid in playing our part to control the virus.

'However, these new restrictions are a little more problematic and are hitting some hospitality businesses hard.

'We have struggled to really understand the ethos behind being able to serve food to non-residents during the day but not after 6pm, when they would be as socially distanced as they are during the day.

'Our capacity was already down by about 60 per cent. This now makes it well over 70 per cent, as the hotel's maximum number of residents is 14. This obviously puts a strain on the business. Thankfully our takeaway service is making up

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Happy 30th birthday, Ailsa and Allison

For the first time in their lives, twins Ailsa Ritchie and Allison Shaw will have their own birthday cakes as they celebrate turning 30 today (Friday, October 16) – one of the small perks of lockdown.

The sisters' original birthday plans had to be cancelled due to the current circumstances and they are likely to be spending their birthdays apart.

Their family sent them lots of love and said: 'We hope they have a special and memorable birthday all the same. We will get something organised when we can.'

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Speeding and illegal tyres

A motorist was stopped on the A83 at Campbeltown at 6.45pm on Tuesday October 6 for allegedly exceeding the speed limit. The car was also allegedly found to have two tyres with tread depth below the legal limit. The driver, a 24-year-old man, was charged.

No insurance

At about 9am on Friday October 9, a car was stopped by police for a routine check, on Millknowe, Campbeltown. Checks revealed there was allegedly no insurance in force for the vehicle and the driver, a 25-year-old man, was charged with the offence. The owner of the vehicle, a 28-year-old man, was also charged with allegedly allowing the driver to drive the vehicle without insurance.

No MOT

Checks revealed that a vehicle stopped by police on Campbeltown Esplanade at 2.20pm on Sunday October 11 allegedly had an expired MOT and the driver, a 48-year-old woman, was charged and issued with a £100 fixed penalty.

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for some of this and giving the business a bit of a cushion from the new restrictions.

'The support we've received from the local community through the takeaway service, particularly last weekend as the restrictions came into force, has been quite gratifying and overwhelming and made a big difference to the business.'

Amanda Grant, office manager at Campbeltown's Ardshiel Hotel, which is world renowned for its award-winning whisky bar, described the changes as 'another massive blow' to those in the hospitality sector.

She explained that the Ardshiel has made some changes to its services in response to the restrictions, including offering more homebaking, extending its lunch service and restarting its takeaway service.

She said: 'I'm hopeful that the restrictions are changed to at least allow alcohol to be sold with meals indoors and to al-

**The Ardshiel Hotel.**

during this phase of lockdown but I can understand why and wish them all the best for when the rules are lifted.'

The Burnside Bar is one of the few town pubs which has decided to remain open.

Euan McLean, co-owner of the Burnside, said: 'We are still open, albeit at further reduced capacity due to being limited to alcohol outside only. We have had to reduce part-time staff due to reduced customers. It is proving difficult trying to operate with just an outside bar area in this colder October weather.'

'We understand the need for further restrictions given the rise of cases but, obviously, the new restrictions are putting further strain on an already struggling hospitality sector in Kintyre. Hopefully any restrictions can be decided at a local level in future due to a much lower number of cases here.'

low non-residents to dine with us after 6pm as this closure time doesn't suit most working families. Without these changes, it will be crippling to businesses.

'I'm hopeful with all of the additional Covid safety measures we have in place, people will still be encouraged to come to the Ardshiel whilst the rules allow them to meet with another household.'

'Without the continued local support and commitment from all of our team it wouldn't be possible to stay open.'

'It's sad to see so many local pubs that have made the hard decision to close their doors

Second round of awards from MACC fund

Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) has announced that the second tranche of funding from its Charitable Giving Scheme has been awarded to various local groups.

Funding has been awarded to Kintyre Youth Café and Young Carers; KADAS; McCorkindale School of Dance; Multiple Sclerosis Centre; Sound of Kintyre Homeowners' Association; Kintyre Community Support Network; Carradale Village Hall; Laggan Opportunity and Amenity Fund and Kintyre Angling Club.

The donations will be used by some of these organisations to help them support the community's most vulnerable people in what are unsettling times.

Since 2014, MACC has awarded more than £60,000 to local clubs, organisations and good causes including the largest one-off donation of £15,000 to the local kidney dialysis charity campaign in 2014.

Earlier in 2020, a first tranche of funding was released early to enable local organisations to apply for financial support during the first few difficult months of lockdown, with six local good causes receiving financial support at that time.

MACC Charitable Giving Scheme was set up in 2017 and awards funds in line with MACC's charitable objectives: managing community land and assets for community benefit; sustainable development; community development and regeneration; development of projects of particular benefit to the young and/or disadvantaged groups and projects that provide majority benefit to the people of PA28 6 post code area.

A spokesperson said: 'MACC will continue to support local good causes in the future and an announcement will be made in summer next year inviting local organisations to apply for funding.'

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Campbeltown man recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours

Campbeltown man Robin Watson has been appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2020.

The awards were announced on October 9, having been delayed from the Queen's birthday in June as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Mr Watson, who is chief executive of Wood Plc, a multi-national energy services company, received the honour for services to international trade.

The 53-year-old is credited with spearheading Wood's global expansion and success since he joined the Aberdeen-headquartered company in 2010, achieving record earnings and broadening the company's portfolio into new geographies and markets.

During this period, Wood has significantly broadened its vision and repositioned to address the global challenges of sustainability and the energy transition.



Robin Watson, who has been appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire. Photograph: Wood.

active role in trade, industry and governmental bodies.

A Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Energy Institute and a visiting professor at Robert Gordon University, he has previously been recognised by the Institute of Directors with four accolades, including Director of the Year in 2019.

Of his CBE award, Mr Watson said: 'I am delighted and humbled to receive this honour.'

'My family, friends and colleagues have provided great support throughout my career and have helped me realise my ambitions over the years. For this, I am truly grateful.'

'It is a privilege to lead an innovative, future-focused and dynamic business like Wood and work with a passionate team of people, focused on

engineering solutions to some of the world's most pressing challenges.'

Roy Franklin, chairman of Wood's board, said: 'On behalf of Wood's board, executive leadership team and our community of colleagues around the world, I'd like to congratulate Robin on this honour which recognises his significant contribution to the UK's engineering industry over a distinguished career.'

'His work ethic, vision and commitment to equality in education and development for all, has been the driving force behind the transformation of the Wood business as well as the continued success of its people.'

Mr Watson was educated at Campbeltown Grammar School where he was said to have been inspired by maths teacher Mr Stankey.

In a previous interview with the Courier, he advised the school's pupils to 'be determined, have dreams and work hard to achieve them'.

GM Duncan bequest funding available

Campbeltown residents are being invited to apply for a £25 voucher for individuals and a £50 voucher for families – households of more than one person – from the town's GM Duncan bequest.

When Major George Melville Duncan died in 1958, he bequeathed money to the then Campbeltown Town Council for the 'benefit of the poor of the burgh in the form of gifts of fuel, clothing and foodstuffs during the winter months'. Andrew Greenlees set up a trust on his death, which provided for the poor of Campbeltown.

The application approval process comprises a number of filters to ensure that the use of the funds meets the terms of the bequest. The first of these filters is that only one application per household can be considered and applications will generally not be considered where the income of the household is above £190 per person resident in the household, per week.

Only residents of the Royal Burgh of Campbeltown are eligible to apply. Successful applicants will be issued with a voucher that can be used at selected retailers in Campbeltown.

The trustees will evaluate each application and determine awards in relation to each approved form.

Application forms are available in PDF and Word format on the council website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/gm-duncans-bequest

These can be saved and completed electronically or printed off. All application forms should be completed and returned by email to iona.campbell2@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by post to Iona Campbell, Legal and Regulatory Support, Argyll and Bute Council, Helensburgh and Lomond Civic Centre, Helensburgh, G84 7PG.

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New CEO takes over the reins at NHS Highland

NHS Highland has welcomed a new chief executive with Pam Dudek taking over from Paul Hawkins, who retired at the beginning of the month.

Pam, who joined NHS Highland as interim deputy chief executive in April, is delighted to take up the role and is looking forward to working with colleagues and communities across the Highlands and Argyll and Bute.

She said: 'It is a huge privilege to be in this position and I can't wait to connect with people in health and social care across the area.'

'I'm really looking forward to meeting everyone, whether that is at a safe distance in person or digitally and building strong relationships.'

'I know in the wake of the Sturrock report and our culture programme, as well as working through a pandemic, this has been a tough time for everyone. Coupled with



Pam Dudek is NHS Highland's new chief executive.

that, we are looking at how we remobilise our services for patients with an eye on winter planning as we approach the end of this year.

'It's a lot to balance and I'm mindful of what that can do to teams and individuals. We will be reviewing regularly the support we have in place for our staff alongside our staff partnership representatives.'

Our staff are our greatest asset. It is really important we understand their needs and do all we can to assist them in their endeavour.'

Pam added: 'I know this is a massive responsibility and I am not under-estimating the task ahead. I am totally committed to working with our teams in NHS Highland, partners and our communities. It

is a responsibility I will relish and I look forward to working collaboratively to build a strong health and social care system across the Highlands, Argyll and Bute.'

Professor Boyd Robertson, chairman of NHS Highland, has welcomed Pam to her new role in NHS Highland.

He said: 'I very much look forward to working with Pam in her new role as chief executive. I am confident Pam's considerable leadership experience of partnership working across health, care and the third sector will not only enable NHS Highland to deliver our strategic objectives but also keep building a culture of collaboration and inclusion.'

'I would also like to pay tribute to Paul Hawkins for his leadership of NHS Highland and for guiding us through a very challenging year. I wish him all the very best in his retirement from the NHS.'

Health chiefs appeal as Covid cases increase

Health chiefs are urging anyone with Covid-19 symptoms in Argyll and Bute to follow the rules and to self-isolate and book a test after a recent increase in cases in the area.

Dr Tim Allison, director of public health in NHS Highland, made the plea after the number of positive cases in the health board's area, which incorporates Argyll and Bute, passed 600 since the start of the pandemic.

NHS Highland also said that everyone in the area has a role to play in the fight against coronavirus and keeping the number of positive cases as low as possible.

Symptoms of Covid-19 include a new, continuous cough, a fever or a loss or change in sense of taste or smell.

Dr Allison said: 'Whilst localised outbreaks of infection have been seen, it is mostly individual sporadic Covid cases or small clusters, such as in families, that we are seeing at the moment.'

'We are learning and improving our processes for dealing with these cases at every opportunity, but I am also making an appeal to everyone to help us fight this virus.'

'If you have symptoms of Covid, please self-isolate and book a test. If you are confirmed as having Covid, we would ask you to continue to self-isolate for 10 days as per the national guidance.'

'For close contacts of positive cases we would ask them to self-isolate for 14 days, even if you get tested and it is negative.'

'It is important you continue to self-isolate for 14 days. A negative test does not change the need to self-isolate if you are a close contact.'

He added: 'I want to thank everyone for all their hard efforts as we continue to fight this virus. Covid is still here and it is important everyone continues to follow the national guidance to keep them and others safe.'

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Salmon genetics study launched after Carradale fish farm escape

One of the most comprehensive studies of wild Atlantic salmon genetics has begun in Scotland to gauge the impact of any interbreeding between wild and farm-raised salmon.

The study has been launched in response to the recent escape of farm-raised salmon in Kintyre and will be managed by the wild-fish conservation body Fisheries Management Scotland, supported by government scientists from Marine Scotland Science and funded by Mowi Scotland.

The multi-year study of 115 sites aims to confirm wild salmon's current genetic profile and to track for the potential of genetic changes should interbreeding of farmed and wild salmon occur.

In late August, Mowi Scotland confirmed 48,834 farm-raised salmon escaped from its Carradale North fish farm in the Kilbrannan Sound

after becoming detached from its seabed anchors during bad weather.

Since the escape, Fisheries Management Scotland has been working with member district salmon fishery boards and fisheries trusts, as well as angling associations, to monitor the situation and mitigate where possible.

Escaped farmed salmon have been caught by anglers in multiple rivers across Loch Lomond, Ayrshire, Clyde, Argyll and in rivers in north-west England.

The priority for Fisheries Management Scotland and their members has been to ensure that any farmed fish are removed from the rivers, humanely dispatched and scale samples submitted to enable accurate identification and Mowi has committed to support these actions.

Dr Alan Wells, chief execu-



The genetics study has been launched following the escape of fish from Mowi's Carradale North site in August after the farm shifted position during Storm Ellen.

tive of Fisheries Management Scotland, said: 'We are very disappointed that this escape has occurred.'

'The Carradale North farm is a new development and we are all agreed it is not acceptable for such escapes to occur.'

'It is crucial lessons are learned and that appropriate steps are taken to avoid such escapes happening in future.'

'We have welcomed Mowi's commitment to work with us and to fund a comprehensive

genetics study that will help us better understand the potential impacts.'

'We will continue to engage with the industry and regulators with a view to improving the situation for wild salmon and sea trout.'

Ben Hadfield, chief operating officer of Mowi Scotland, said: 'I would like to thank Fisheries Management Scotland and their member district salmon fishery boards and fisheries trusts for their efforts to

remove these fish from rivers across the Firth of Clyde and apologise for any disruption and concern this escape has caused all those with an interest in wild salmon.'

'We have learned the root cause of the escape – system anchor lines crossing and resulting in friction failure – and acknowledge our responsibility to quickly learn from this event to prevent it from occurring again.'

Polly Burns, aquaculture in-

teractions manager at Fisheries Management Scotland, added: 'We would like to thank anglers for their continuing efforts to capture and report farmed fish entering our rivers. We have received about 150 reports of farmed fish captures from a range of rivers within and outwith the Firth of Clyde and we continue to urge anglers to report catches of farmed fish using the reporting system on our website.'

This new and comprehensive study of genetic introgression aims to add to the understanding of one of the potential pressures on Scotland's wild salmon which are approaching crisis-point. The Scottish Government has identified a range of high-level pressures on wild salmon to also include: over-exploitation, predation, invasive species, habitat loss and quality and inshore commercial fisheries.



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Pandemic expected to cost council additional £11m

The coronavirus pandemic is expected to cost Argyll and Bute Council an additional £11 million.

The stark figure is revealed in a report which also states 80 per cent of the council's savings targets for the current financial year have already been met.

The report also predicts an overall overspend of £2 million by the end of March – as a result of social work funding provided to the area's health and social care partnership (HSCP).

The document shows that Covid-19 has resulted in the council incurring additional costs of £11.209 million, although more than half of that is covered by Scottish Government funding.

However, the council is left with a shortfall of nearly £4.5 million from the pandemic,

and a decision now needs to be taken on whether to use internal funding to cover some of that cost.

The report and its implications were set to be discussed at a meeting of the council's policy and resources committee yesterday (Thursday, October 15).

Executive director Kirsty Flanagan said: 'There is a forecast overspend of £2.062 million as at the end of August 2020.'

'This projection results from social work and is due to a combination of forecast slippage on the delivery of agreed savings and a high demand for services.'

'The HSCP has been required to contribute to a local mobilisation plan cost return on a regular basis, submitted to the Scottish Government via NHS Highland.'



Kirsty Flanagan, Argyll and Bute Council's executive director.

'Although the Scottish Government has 'in principle' approved all mobilisation plans, no individual lines

within the plan have been approved. Therefore there is a risk the HSCP could revert back to the council to fund some of the additional costs.'

'All other forecast variances at this time are as a result of the impact of Covid-19, therefore are currently reported separately and not processed through the ledger as forecast variances at this stage.'

'The impact of Covid can be summarised as new additional costs of £11.209 million, for which £6.116 million of Scottish Government funding has been provided, with an additional £0.616 million of flexibility around existing funding. This leaves an estimated shortfall of £4.477 million.'

'There is an additional £2.204 million of internal options, however, a decision is required whether these should

be applied to fund the Covid shortfall.'

'The Scottish Government is currently considering implementing a lost income scheme to provide funding to reimburse councils for lost income from sales, fees and charges.'

'There is currently no clarity over the amount the council may receive should the scheme be rolled out. The council has established a short life working group to consider options to fund the Covid shortfall.'

Ms Flanagan added: 'There is a year to date underspend of £1.279 million. More focus is on the forecast outturn position, hence why sometimes the year to date position is not updated. The year to date variances mainly relate to the timing of income and expenditure, recharging of costs to capital and the impact of Covid-19.'

Budget planning on agenda

School and public transport is in the spotlight, along with leisure services, as Argyll and Bute Council considers its savings options for next year, a report has revealed.

The authority is also investigating the possibility of making savings on its travel and office costs as well as introducing more digital working.

Budget gap

It is also estimated that after implementation of previously-agreed savings, the council will have a budget gap of more than £4.5 million for the 2021/22 financial year.

The report was due to be considered by the council's policy and resources committee yesterday (Thursday, October 15), its first meeting since February.

A table in the report states that a service redesign on school and public transport, which includes shared transport, is anticipated to deliver between £415,000 and £830,000 worth of savings.

There is no further detail in the report on what that service redesign might involve.

More digital working, asset regionalisation and reduced travel and office costs has a target range of £350,000 to £700,000 of savings.

And changes to Live Argyll, the arm's-length charitable trust that runs the area's leisure centres and libraries and to the council's community learning service could deliver savings of between £260,000 and £520,000.

The council's vehicle fleet and other amenity services are also the subject of proposed changes.

The report, by executive director Kirsty Flanagan, said: 'A cross-party budget working group (BWG) has been established to engage with theme leads and provide a sounding board to assist in the development and identification of savings options.'

'The BWG consists of six members from the administration, three members from the opposition and two trade union representatives.'

Recommendations

'The BWG does not have any decision-making authority but can report to, and make recommendations, to either the council or the policy and resources committee.'

'Its primary purpose is to assist process which will identify savings options to be considered as part of the 2021/22 budget process and provide a degree of scrutiny over options

as they are being developed. The BWG met for the first time on September 30 and further meetings are scheduled on October 29 and November 24.'

'Theme leads attend the meetings to provide updates on progress and consult on emerging saving options.'

'At the meeting on September 30, officers presented preliminary ideas on options developed to date and on the direction of travel that the themes are taking.'

'The BWG agreed that all the themes should be pursued further.'

Decreased

Another table also said the council had an original estimated budget gap for 2021/22 of £6.529 million. After implementation of previously-agreed savings and increased council tax, this figure has now decreased to £4.557 million.

Estimates for the next five years suggest that by 2025/26 that figure could reach as high as £6.814 million, although the anticipated figure for 2023/24 is £6.912 million.

The specific budget options for 2021/22 are expected to be put to the policy and resources committee at its next meeting on Thursday December 10.



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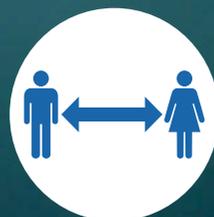
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Hard time for hospitality

This is undoubtedly a very challenging time for everyone in the hospitality industry.

Not long after reopening following initial closures when lockdown rules were at their strictest, many pubs feel they were left with no option but to close their doors again, in compliance with the latest rules.

There is no easy solution, however, as most people contacted by the Courier expressed understanding that steps had to be taken to slow the spread of the virus and that the new measures were brought in with the good of the community in mind.

As well as talking about the impact on his own business and others in Kintyre, Nick Fletcher at the Argyll Hotel in Bellochinty voiced his concerns about the wider implications of the closure and reduced operations of so many hotels, restaurants and pubs.

He said: 'We are concerned about the wider knock-on effect in the supply chain. As we and other hospitality businesses reduce our ordering, I am worried about the impact on jobs in our food and drinks suppliers who will be seeing their businesses diminish significantly too.'

Congratulations Robin, OBE

Everyone at the Courier sends best wishes to Campbeltown man Robin Watson who has been appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2020.

It is fantastic to see Robin's hard work during his 30-year career, particularly since taking the reins at Wood, being recognised in this way.

'Gift day' to support Highland Parish Church

As the Covid-19 crisis continues, many people are struggling financially and are anxious about what the future holds.

Some of this applies to the church as well. The work we do in the community continued, but during lockdown, there was no income.

In order to continue supporting our work in Campbeltown and beyond, the Highland Parish Church is holding a gift day tomorrow, Saturday October 17.

I will be available in the church between 10am and 2.30pm to receive donations from any members and friends of the Highland Church.

Donations may also be sent care of St Blaas's Manse, Southend, with cheques made payable to Highland Parish Church.

The church will also be open for prayer. Thank you. Your support is much appreciated.

Reverend Steve Fulcher,
Highland Parish Church.

A83 corridor options fail to address needs of Argyll and Bute

As many readers will be aware, Transport Scotland is currently engaged in consultation with the public on corridor options for the A83.

We at the Argyll and Bute branch of the Scottish Green party are concerned the 11 options proposed fail to address the present and future needs of Argyll and Bute, including the need for secure and resilient supply routes to the whole of Argyll and Bute; safe roads across our area; well-maintained roads; roads that go to and from the right places and a joined-up local transport policy designed to serve the needs of residents, businesses and visitors to Argyll and Bute.

Most alarmingly, the consultation provides no reference to climate change, either as a cause of the current A83 emergency or as a factor to be considered in each of the options.

There appears to have been a process of elimination of options prior to the publication of the consultation, for example, there is no reference

to rail links, a tunnel, improved ferry services or alternative routes for freight.

And it would be in the public interest to make explicit how this process was undertaken, by whom and whether any surveys or studies on the geological, economic, social or environmental impact of each option have been undertaken.

We believe most of the options presented would be so unfeasible in terms of engineering costs that we would be drawn to only one or two that would appear to offer the least challenging short-term solution for restoring a safe and reliable route in Argyll and Bute.

If we are correct in this assumption, this is a very disingenuous process by Transport Scotland, for it is not a consultation in the true sense of the word.

There is no doubt the need to address the A83 crisis of connectivity is an urgent one.

However, we must not be driven to actions that might bring even greater problems further down the line.

Is it time perhaps for both a short and long-term solution?

We would be interested in hearing the views of your readers directly and would invite them to contact Argyll and Bute Greens at argyll-bute@scottishgreens.org.uk

Dennis Archer and Cathy Cameron,
co-convenors, Argyll and Bute Greens.

Call for NSPCC Scotland/Childline fundraisers

Here at NSPCC Scotland we have continued to be here for children throughout this pandemic.

Through Childline, our counsellors have been supporting children with a wide range of issues, including mental health, family relationships and abuse and our helpline has been there for adults seeking advice or concerned about the welfare of a child.

Last year, our Speak Out Stay Safe programme visited 833 primary schools in Scotland, speaking to more than 145,000 children about their right to be safe from abuse and neglect.

Because of Covid-19, the team is unable to go into schools at the moment but has been working on ways to continue to get these important messages to pupils.

Our fundraising volunteers in communities across Scotland have rallied together to think up innovative ways of raising funds for us which is so important as we rely on public donations for 90 per cent of our income.

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If you would like to find out more about how you can help in your area please contact scotlandfundraising@nspcc.org.uk

Paul Cockram, head of fundraising at
NSPCC Scotland.

British Heart Foundation appeals for pre-loved items

The British Heart Foundation (BHF) is appealing to the people of Scotland to donate their quality pre-loved items using our freepost donation service to support our recovery from the coronavirus crisis.

In June, we launched a new post-to-donate service, making it easier for the public to give their decluttered items to charity.

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Every item sold will be turned into funds for research that could help transform the lives of the 720,000 people in Scotland living with heart and circulatory diseases.

To find out more information on the BHF's freepost donation service please visit bhf.org.uk/postyourdonations

The British Heart Foundation.

Community Payback Order work is making a difference

I am writing to highlight the Community Payback Order work that has been going on in Southend, even during this dreadful pandemic.

On behalf of Southend Community Council, I'd like to say how grateful we are for the work which includes grass-cutting in the play park and grass-cutting, edging, weeding and repair and painting to the remaining picnic tables and the sleeper fencing at Keil.

It has not been easy to keep this kind of thing going on in these difficult times but as a community council we want to thank the co-ordinator and his team for their work. It has been wonderful and such a help.

Thank you on behalf of Southend.

Margaret McDowall, secretary, Southend Community Council.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's photograph was sent in by Mark Weir who lives near Tayinloan. Mark said: 'A majestic stag calls in the autumn morning as he watches over the Rhunahaorine peninsula from Achnafad forest.'

If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to editor@campbeltown-courier.co.uk or send it to us via the Courier's Facebook page.

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- Qualified counselling team
- Volunteer befriending team

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

Please visit our website - www.dochasfund.org.uk and Facebook page - www.facebook.com/dochascentre which will be updated regularly with information and advice.

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

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The Volunteer Befriending Team

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

Dochas Counselling Team

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

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

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



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

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday October 15, 2010

Frank's 600-mile fiddle journey

Campbeltown Grammar School student Frank G Rochford made the 600-mile round trip to the Royal National Mòd at Wick and came home with a trophy. He won the Robert MacCallum Memorial Trophy for the 13 to 15-year-olds' open competition as well as a traditional Mòd gold badge. Frank was competing against 23 other young musicians, each playing a slow Gaelic air and March, Strathspey and Reel of their own choice.



In 1995: Maurice Duncan at the Royal National Mòd. He was featured as a schoolboy, winning at the Mòd in 1970 in last week's edition.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday October 20, 1995

A fiddler's three

A Campbeltown man has won the top award for fiddling at this year's National Mòd.

Maurice Duncan, who now works as an accountant in Oban, has won the Sutherland Cup three times. He won at Oban in 1992 and Airdrie in 1993 but wasn't allowed to compete last year at Dunoon as no-one is allowed to take the cup three times in a row. Mr Duncan was praised by adjudicator James Alexander who told an audience in the Games Hall in Golspie, which is hosting this year's Mòd: 'I feel Maurice had superb variety throughout and it was a well-designed and thought-out performance.'

Minister's pledge on incendiaries

Defence Secretary Michael Portillo has pledged to do all he can to find the source of thousands of incendiary devices being washed up around the Firth of Clyde.

In the fortnight up to Tuesday, more than 1,500 had been washed up in Kintyre, Jura and Islay. The minister made his promise at a meeting with MPs representing the areas where the devices are being washed ashore - including Argyll and Bute MP Ray Michie.

Mrs Miche is also asking for a statement from the Scottish Secretary on the matter.

She said Mr Portillo had given assurances the devices were not military. There has been speculation British Gas pipe laying operations north of the munitions dump at Beaufort's Dyke in the Irish Channel could be responsible. But there is also a weapons dump marked on charts between Arran and the Ayrshire coast. Others have suggested the devices may have come from a boat sunk in the Firth of Clyde by the Germans during the Second World War.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday October 15, 1970

Smaller school for Drumlemble

Drumlemble's new school is to be considerably smaller than originally planned.

Argyll County Council Education Committee

will inform the Scottish Education Committee that a joint school for local youngsters and children from RAF Machrihanish is no longer required as the RAF children have now settled at schools in Campbeltown. A five or six room school with community facilities was envisaged but now all that is needed is a three or four room school.

Thunderer Cup at Machrihanish

Machrihanish Golf Club's Thunderer Cup has been won by Mr W Colville (77-8-69) after a play-off with Mr C Repke (87-18-69). The scratch prize went to Mr WJ Wood (73).

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday October 16, 1920

Agricultural autumn shows

Kintyre Agricultural Society are holding their Produce and Foal Show at Campbeltown today.

The produce show has been in abeyance since 1915 and the entries are, naturally, not up to pre-war standard. Nevertheless the exhibition is of quite a representative character.

The exhibits of cheese are just about half of the average and the same remark applies to roots.

With regard to the latter, however, the season has been of an uncommonly backward character in the peninsula. The butter exhibits, however, are above the average, which is quite a notable fact.

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Duncan Brown's boyhood memories of the Wee Toon

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 booklet's second chapter, entitled *Growing up in the Thirties*. This week comes the first half of the next chapter, *Anecdotes*.

Anecdotes

We had lots of good quality grocer shops which were all kept very busy until the arrival of supermarkets. We also had seven butchers, ten bakers and six newsagents and six excellent ladies' and gents' outfitters.

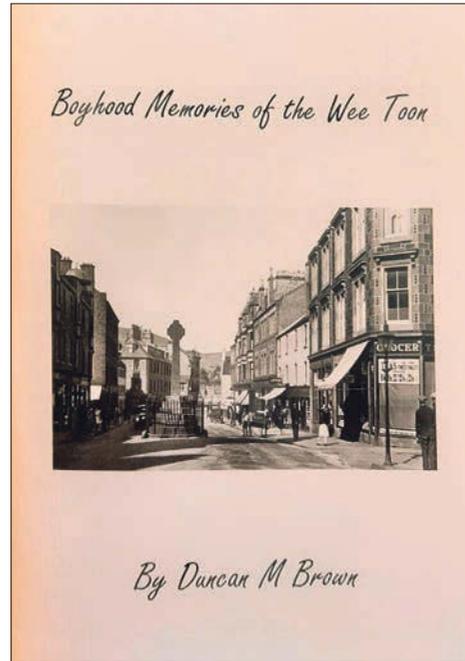
MacNair's outfitters at 47 Longrow employed three or four ladies as seamstresses. There were eight shoe shops and four or five shoe repairers.

Peter and Katy Taylor - brother and sister - had a busy millinery shop in Longrow South, but the business declined when ladies stopped wearing

hats to church. In addition to the ten bakery shops, we also had two scone shops - one in Burnside and one in Reform Square. There you could purchase freshly made scones or pancakes and delicious homemade sweets called 'Candy Balls'.

The Black Pudding Shop in Longrow South was surprisingly popular. It was run by the MacArthur family and always appeared to be busy. The six newsagents only sold daily papers. The sale of Sunday papers was the exclusive right of Sandy MacEachran, who had a small grocery shop in Longrow. I often saw queues of people waiting for the Sunday papers to be delivered from Glasgow.

Throughout the 1930s, Campbeltown Gaelic choir, conductor Mr M G MacCallum, provided wonderful entertainment. They won the most prestigious award at the National Mòd, the Lovat and Tullibardine Shield, more times than any other choir. Their concerts in the Victoria Hall were always a sell-out.



Boyhood Memories of the Wee Toon by Duncan Brown.

for the Campbeltown Pupils' team. The train to Machrihanish used to leave from the centre of Hall Street just opposite the Christian Institute.

The story is told of a man who had just arrived off the steamer and, seeing Leo standing at the door of his café, went over and enquired: 'Can you please tell me where the station is for Machrihanish?' to which Leo replied, with a wave of his arms: 'Eet ees all around you.'

Leo's son Alf was a cheery fellow and if someone asked him how he was, he always shouted in a loud voice: 'Mighty fine!'

Leo and Bertie Grumoli were brothers and because they were Italians they were taken to the Isle of Man and confined there for the duration of the Second World War. Sons of the Grumoli families served in the British Forces and one of them, Italo, was killed at Arnhem.

Wylie's Boat Yard was at the end of Hall Street where the government offices are now located. In 1936 they built a fishing boat for Skipper Meenan who called it the 'Gratitude'. I was one in the large crowd who saw it being taken across the road to be launched down the slip-way beside the New Quay.

While crossing the road, there was almost a disaster as the boat tilted to one side. However, plenty strong men soon rectified the situation and it safely entered the water.

Incidentally, one of our 'Old Pals' - a local senior citizen group - Francis McWhirter started his fishing career as a junior crew member of the 'Gratitude'.

See next week's Courier for more.

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Lost sailor's nephews mark 80



Gigha Primary School's pupils worked with Bryony White, head gardener, at Achamore Gardens, to create a plastic-free, biodegradable wreath for the 80th anniversary ceremony.

It is 80 years since the SS Aska sank off Cara's coast, taking the lives of 12 men.



by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Two brothers have travelled more than 300 miles to lay a wreath over the remains of the SS Aska, a ship which sank off the coast of Cara 80 years ago, with their merchant seaman uncle, John Martin, onboard.

Michael and David Martin travelled from Teesside in the north east of England to visit the site which became the final resting place of John, a Newcastle native who was aged just 22, and 11 other men who died when the Aska was bombed by German aircraft in 1940 during the Second World War.

The Aska was a cruise liner owned by the British India Steam Navigation Company which was hired into government service to be used as a troop carrier at the outbreak of war in 1939.

The ship left West Africa in September 1940, bound for Liverpool, carrying 50 British troops, 300 French troops, nine other passengers and a crew of 184 mostly Indians, as

well as 600 tons of cocoa but she was bombed at 2.30am on September 16 between Rathlin Island and Maiden's Rock.

She drifted on fire, finally settling on the reef off Cara where her wreckage can still be seen at low tide.

To mark the 80th anniversary of the sinking, Michael and David arrived on the neighbouring island of Gigha on September 15 and were due to lay a wreath over the wreckage on September 16 but, due to bad weather, they were forced to postpone the ceremony until September 17.

Appeal

After an appeal to Gigha islanders, a plastic-free, biodegradable wreath was created by Bryony White, head gardener at Achamore Gardens, and pupils of Gigha Primary School, using flowers and foliage from the gardens.

In addition to the placing of the wreath, a bottle of brown ale, brewed just a few yards from where John was born in the Ouseburn area of Newcastle, was sunk over the wreck site using a stone

bearing the names of all the merchant seamen who died when the Aska sank.

'I am sure John will pass it on to them,' Michael said, 'because he did not drink!'

Following the ceremony, Michael and David delivered a socially distanced presentation to Gigha's schoolchildren after which they visited Gigha and Cara church to view a ceramic poppy placed there in memory of John and the Aska disaster.

During their visit to Gigha, the brothers were shown a deck door salvaged from the Aska which served as the front door to a home on the island until a few years ago.

It is hoped it can be publicly displayed on the island in the future.

They were also presented with the glass - the only remaining part - from another salvaged door by 88-year-old John McNeill, on behalf of the Gigha community.

Michael said: 'Mr McNeill also accompanied us out to the wreck site on the day, in his own boat which he still uses to haul creels on occasion.'



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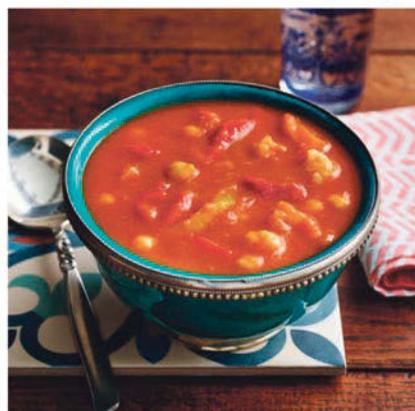
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- 120g prepared butternut squash, roughly chopped
- 50g dried red lentils
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tbsp cumin seeds
- ½ tbsp mild chilli powder
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 2 vegetable stock cubes, crumbled
- ½ x 400g can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 small red pepper, deseeded and sliced
- 1 small yellow pepper, deseeded and sliced
- 200g cauliflower, cut into small florets
- Lemon juice, to taste
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method:

Put all the ingredients apart from the chickpeas, peppers, cauliflower and lemon juice in a large saucepan. Add 850ml boiling water and bring to the boil over a high heat. Reduce the heat to low, cover and simmer for 25 minutes or until the vegetables are soft.

1. Blitz until smooth using a stick blender (or use a food processor or liquidiser and return to the pan).
2. Add the chickpeas, peppers and cauliflower, cover again and simmer for 15-20 minutes or until the vegetables are cooked, stirring occasionally.
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80 years since SS Aska sinking

He is a remarkable man who remembers seeing, from the island's south pier, the fire and smoke from the SS Aska when it ran aground and continued burning. He would have been around nine years old.

The brothers were also shown one of the gantry crane strain arms that formed part of the Aska's lifting equipment, used to load and unload cargo, which was salvaged and is now used as a gate post on Gigha.

Michael told the Courier:

'The whole Gigha community was great and gave us unre-served support in our task.'

He explained that the visit was fulfilling a promise he made to his late father, David William Martin, John's younger brother, who was aged just 14 when the ship sank.

'In my father's last few months with us, I promised that at some future date I would travel up to the Isle of Gigha and find John's final resting place,' said Michael.

'I had shown him on a map exactly where that was several years before.'

History

As part of the 80th anniversary memorial arrangements, Michael prepared a document for his family's archive in

which he shares John's life story as well as the history of the Aska and its sinking. In it he wrote: 'For many years, and even more so while I have been putting this document together, I have found it increasingly difficult to try and reconcile

the fact that the wreck of the SS Aska was never given 'war grave' status, because it undoubtedly is.

'It is the final resting place of John Martin and the majority of those that were killed on September 16 1940.'

Michael added: 'The visit to the islands of Gigha and Cara, the offering up and laying of a wreath, fulfilling a promise made to my father several years ago and the writing of this document has gone some way to ease my own mind.'



John Martin is being remembered by his nephews and the community of Gigha 80 years after his death in 1940, aged just 22.



The bottle of brown ale which was sunk over the wreck site using a stone bearing the name of the merchant seamen lost.



Michael and David Martin with one of the doors salvaged from the SS Aska, the ship on which their uncle, John Martin, died in 1940.

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Learning team lockdown short story competition winners are revealed

The winners of a lockdown short story competition run by Kintyre's Argyll and Bute Council Community Learning Team in partnership with Found Fiction were revealed on Tuesday.

The competition was open to writers of all ages and has been won by Bethan Neil, aged 11, from Benderloch, and Julie Forrester, aged 64, from Dunoon.

It was run with the aim of encouraging people locally to get creative and focus on a positive activity during lockdown, to overcome the stresses and upheavals it may have caused.

Found Fiction, a guerrilla publishing community connecting readers and writers across the world by leaving literature in public places, will make sure the stories continue to reach the community. Once it is safe to do so - when there is no chance of Covid cross-con-

tamination - all the stories that were submitted will be printed, put into envelopes and distributed in random spots throughout the local authority area for people to find and enjoy.

The project was supported from the outset by bestselling crime writer Denzil Meyrick who is originally from Campbeltown. Denzil said: 'I was really impressed by the support group that sprung up in Kintyre in the wake of the Covid lockdown. Yet again, the community spirit that exists across the peninsula has come to the fore. Help was available to everyone, particularly the most vulnerable, via a scheme populated mainly by volunteers.'

'The short story competition was a great idea and gleaned some fabulous results.'

'I'm delighted to be able to support it in conjunction with my publisher Polygon. Along

with my continued financial support of the Campbeltown seafront regeneration project, it reconfirms my commitment to the area I still call home. It remains the inspiration behind my Daley novels and my latest novella 'A Large Measure of Snow'.

Bethan Neil's short story is below. See next week's Courier for Julie Forrester's winning entry.

The Wave Seeker by Bethan Neil

The wave seeker rode the wave as it crashed down against the shore. The wind howled and clouds rumbled around her as she continued to play in the ocean. The night sky was covered by clouds - not a star in sight.

Her mother called for her to return home. Her mother's voice was as elegant as the moonlight as it reached Elana's

ears. Elana felt most alive on the waves of thunder - the danger of it, the excitement of it, the power of the waves, pushing her back to the shore, where she wished never to be.

Elana was never very sociable. She had never felt the need to be.

What was the point of friends when she had the ocean? The ocean thrilled her - people and land did not.

The land was dry and boring, the landscape of it never seemed to change, people were always busy and did things unnecessary in the water. In the water there was always change.

Elana never knew what to expect - that is what thrilled her most. She loved the feeling of not knowing and wondering all the time what would happen next.

Every chance she had, she would go for a swim in the sea. In Oban, there were many

beaches so Elana never had any trouble finding somewhere to swim.

One day at school, they were being taught about old Scottish myths and tales, when suddenly the name the wave seeker appeared. Elana shot her hand up immediately.

'Yes Elana?' the teacher said. 'I knew about the wave seeker, but I never knew anyone had written about it,' Elana replied.

'Oh yes Elana, many people have even claimed to see the wave seeker. They say the wave seeker prefers the stormy weather and tends only to be around at night.'

'Apparently the wave seeker has only ever been spotted in Oban. I myself have always wanted to spot the wave seeker - such an elegant creature. On land, a human - in the water, a kelpie,' the teacher said.

That weekend, Elana went for

another swim. Again, it was stormy weather - just how she liked it.

Elana walked in until she was deep enough to swim.

After swimming deeper, she turned around. She saw another person standing by the shore, looking right at her. The person was too far away to tell clearly who it was, so she swam closer. Once she was close enough, she realised it was her teacher.

What on earth is she doing out here in this weather, Elana thought. Then Elana remembered something.

Her teacher had said something about the wave seeker, something like: 'They say the wave seeker prefers the stormy weather and tends only to be around at night.'

It couldn't be, or could it be, that the wave seeker was Elana? Then her teacher said something. 'Wave seeker?'

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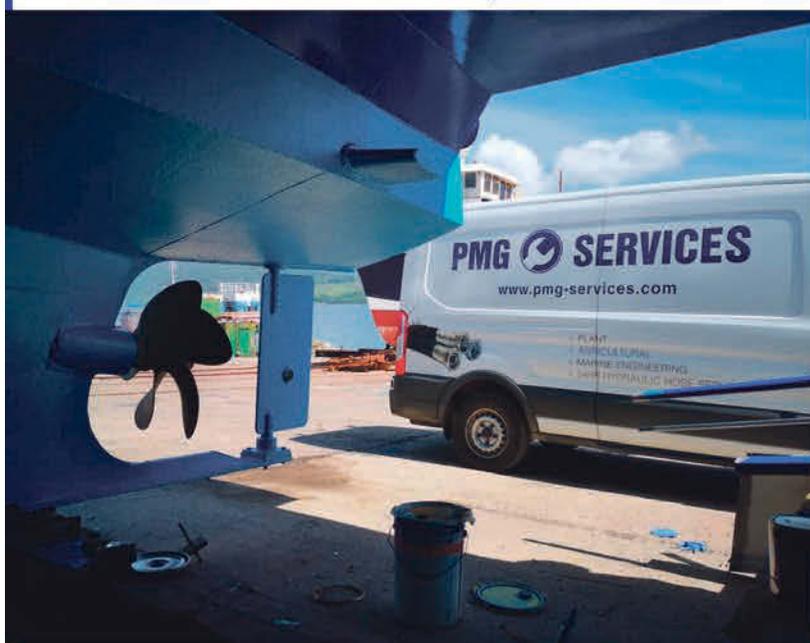
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Photo book takes a look at Old Carradale

A man with Carradale connections dating back to 1952 has published a book of photographs focusing on the village's famous herring fishing heritage.

Old Carradale is a soft back book containing 60 images, each with a fully descriptive caption, by Iain Wright,

'My wife Helen and I now have a holiday home in Carradale, where we continue to enjoy village life'

a long-standing visitor to Carradale, who now has a holiday home in the village.

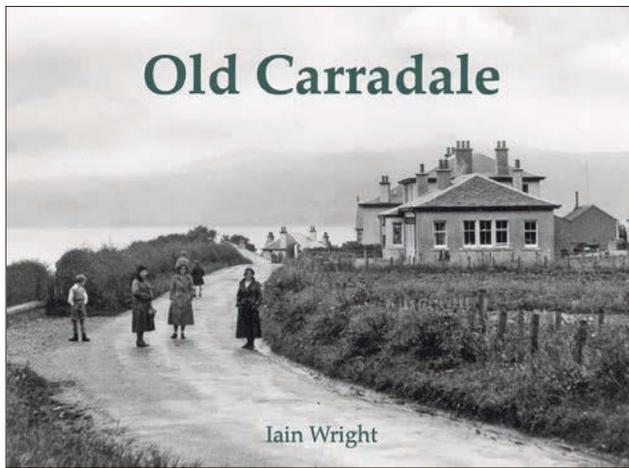
Carradale was famous for herring fishing in the Firth of Clyde for hundreds of years but the herring are unfortunately

no more in Loch Fyne waters and fishing boats now trawl for shellfish and prawns.

Since the early 19th century, the village was an attractive port for the Clyde steamers, when regular annual visitors came as tourists. Visitors nowadays are more likely to travel to the village for its challenging golf course, walking and various hotels, bars and restaurants.

The photographs in Iain's book are from the 19th and early 20th centuries and include the early steamers, skiffs and herring boats at the piers, as well as images of Paterson's Bakery, Airds cottages, Carradale Hotel, Waterfoot and Port Righ Bay.

'The book is dedicated to Archie Paterson, on whose herring boat Harvest Queen my brother and I spent many happy days and nights,' Iain told the Courier.



Old Carradale by Iain Wright.

up with residents of the village, many of whom have helped me with the captions in the book.

'My wife Helen and I now have a holiday home in Carradale, where we continue to enjoy village life.'

The book is being produced by Stenlake Publishing in Ayrshire, which has previously been responsible for Old Kintyre and Old Campbeltown and Machrihanish, among many others in past years.

It is available to buy in Carradale from the village shop, the Glen Bar and Restaurant and the Ashbank and Carradale hotels.

It can also be ordered directly from Stenlake at 01290 551122.

Iain's family first came to stay in the 'big bay' in a caravan, which failed to negotiate the Grogport hill and had to go back via the A83 long route. In later years, the family stayed in Bayview, then Lochpark and eventually in the Carradale Hotel, run then by Jim McDougall and his wife and

until recently by Marcus and Morag Adams and now the Erskine family.

'In summer 1960, I was one of a party of Kelvinside schoolboys who camped for a fortnight beside the golf course at Port Righ Bay - shown on page 40 in the book,' Iain said.

'Over the years I have grown

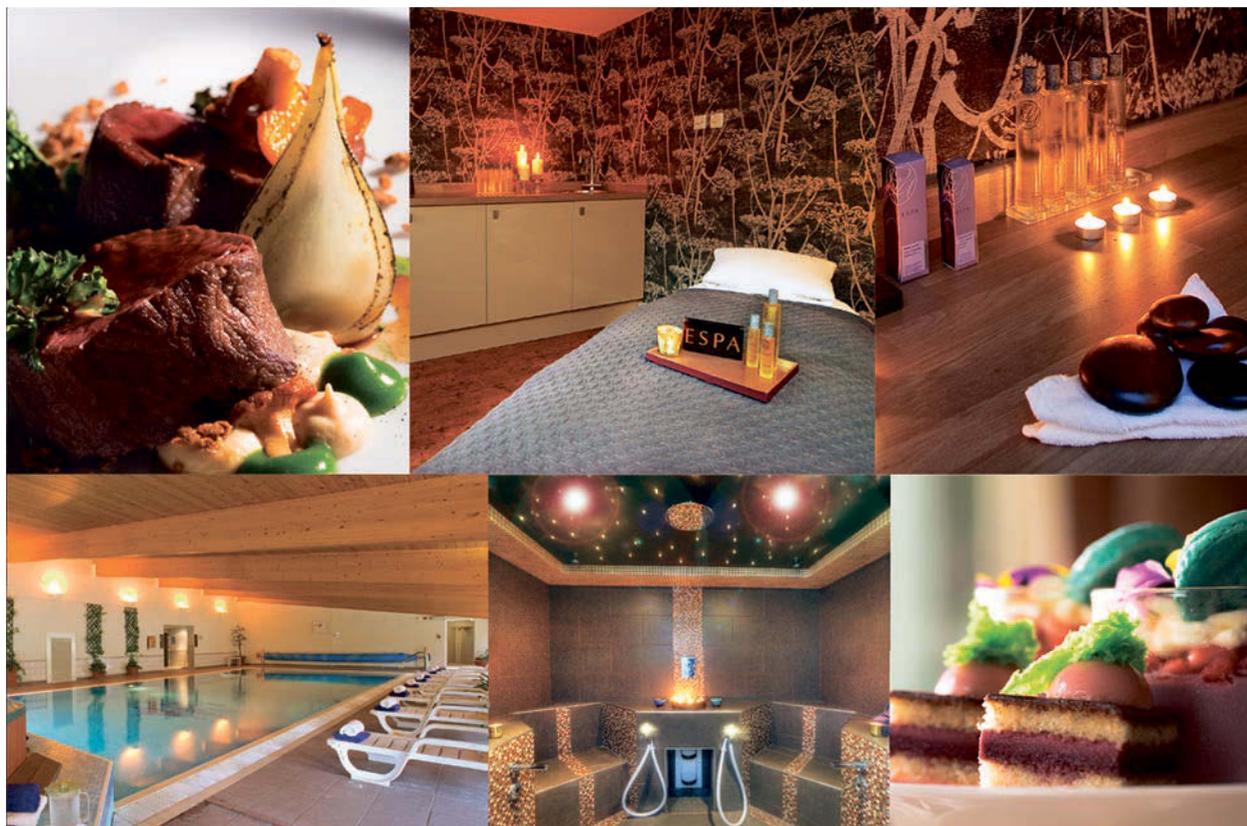
Inner Wheel Club's ruby celebrations

Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Campbeltown recently celebrated the group's 40th anniversary.

The club was formed in September 1980 with Joyce Gardiner the first president. Over the 40 years, the club has seen many changes but continues to offer friendship and support to many ladies.

'We do some fundraising for local, national and international charities and at our monthly meetings we invite different speakers to talk about their special interests,' a spokesperson said. 'This year, due to the pandemic, we have had to suspend our meetings. Hopefully we will be able to meet again in 2021.'

While adhering to social distancing rules, this year's president Sharon Denson presented Joyce with flowers to mark this milestone.



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'World first' as endangered skate hatches near Oban

A critically-endangered flapper skate has been successfully cared for and hatched in captivity in what is thought to be a 'world first' for the species.

The skate egg has been looked after by NatureScot and the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) and hatched at its aquarium after an 18-month gestation period.

It is thought to be the first time a flapper skate egg has

been cared for from laying to hatching - allowing scientists to accurately confirm the gestation of the species for the first time.

Released

The hatchling, a male measuring just 27cm long, was immediately released into the sea from Loch Sunart to the Sound of Jura Marine Protected Area.

Despite its name, the common or flapper skate has been

listed as 'critically endangered' since 2006 as a result of overfishing.

Flapper skate are described as 'extinct' across much of their range, although the west coast of Scotland is one of the last remaining strongholds.

Jane Dodd, NatureScot marine operations officer, said: 'We have been observing and monitoring the egg for a year and a half so to see it hatch successfully and be released back into the ocean was a wonderful moment.'

'It has been really exciting to witness the development of the embryo each week from just a large yolk, to an embryo with a small beating tail and finally to a baby skate completely filling the egg capsule.'

'We still know very little about the lives of flapper skate, for example how often they breed, and where and when they lay eggs.'



The flapper skate is prepared for release. Photograph: Jane Dodd/NatureScot.



The moment of hatching. Photograph: NatureScot/SAMS.



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'The total gestation of the egg was 535 days so it is similar to that of orca and sperm whales.'

'Knowing the length of time that eggs take to hatch is a really useful piece of information for understanding the life history of flapper skate which will in turn improve how we are able to protect them.'

Steven Benjamins of SAMS said: 'We have been photographing the egg every week on a light box to observe the development of the embryo.'

'A few months ago we started to wonder if the embryo was large enough to hatch so we set up video camera recording 24 hours a day to try and capture the moment.'

'We were able to record some lovely footage of the moment the baby skate swam out of the egg case.'

Anglers travel from all over

the world to Oban to fish for flapper skate on a strictly catch-and-release basis, contributing to vital research.

Jane added: 'Angling has increased our knowledge of flapper skate immensely. Anglers have been tagging skate and recording their recaptures for decades and their data helped justify the designation of Loch Sunart to the Sound of Jura Marine Protected Area for flapper skate.'

Grateful

'Skate charter skippers, Paul Timoney and Graeme Sands, delivered the skate egg to us and we are extremely grateful to them for that.'

'Very occasionally female skate spontaneously release eggs when they are lifted onto the deck of angling vessels for measuring. Paul knew I was keen to collect an egg to

observe it and he was able to save it for me.' The egg was immediately transferred to the aquarium at SAMS where it was kept at 10°C below surface water temperature to simulate the temperature at around 30 metres where eggs have been observed until it hatched.

It was released close to the spot where the mother was captured and released last year. Female flapper skate grow to a maximum length of more than 2.3 metres and are estimated to live for around 50 years. Once hatched in the wild, empty skate and ray egg cases often wash up on beaches where they can be spotted in the strandline. Flapper skate egg cases are easily recognisable because they are the largest of all the skate and ray egg cases at 14 to 28cm long and 10 to 14cm wide.



The captive skate on the sea floor after release. Photograph: Karen Boswarva.

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Around the markets

United Auctions, Oban, Tuesday October 6: sold 907 calves and store cattle. Bullocks sold to £1100 for a 478kg, LimX from A & M Buchanan, Achnaba to average £701.98 (+£155.41) per head.

Heifers sold to £1020 for a 424g, LimX from A & BA Campbell, Achnacree Beag to average £653.41 (+£162.69) per head. Bullocks sold to 371.5p/kg for a 144kg, LimX from J Cameron, Kilmalieu to average 260.76p/kg (+£58.26p). Heifers sold to 318.9p/kg for a 185kg, LimX from I Campbell & Son, Strongorm to average 246.79p £/kg (+£58.14p). A good show of naturally reared calves sold well and to a good following of buyers.

Trade increased consid-

erably on the corresponding sale last year which was a hesitant trade prevailing at the time.

Leading prices per head

Blks - AAX - £1095(2), £985, £970(3), Craignaich; £910(8), £890(9), £880(8), £870(8), £840(8), Poltalloch; £810, Kilbride. BSx - £750, 13 Caolis, Vatersay. BRBx - £920, Achadhbeag.

CharX - £795(2), £790, Shenavallie. LimX - £1100, £1075, £1065(2), £1045, £1030(2), £1005, Achnaba; £960, Woodend; £960, Balnagown; £955, Achuaran; £940, Achnacree Beag; £940, Balnagown; £940, Ardchatten; £935, lochdar; £930(2), Ardachy; £925, Culbhuirig; £925, North Ardnaclach. Luing - £790(8), £785(8), £770(8), Ardlarach. SalX - £730(2), £725(4), 8 Vatersay; £725, 11 Uidh,

Vatersay; £725, 7 Uidh. SimX - £835, Kilbride; £800, Sammadale; £780, Strongorm; £775(2), Cliad; £775(7), Scammadale; £765(4), Cliad; £760(2), Saulmore; £760, Dunach; £750(2), Cliad. Hfrs - AAX - £600(4), Kilbride. BS - £585, Ard-slighish.

CharX - £640, £620, Shenavallie. LimX - £1020, Achnacree Beag; £1005(4), Achnaba; £1000(2), Achnacree Beag; £1000(2), Achnaba; £990, Inion; £950(7), Achnaba; £950(2), Achnacree Beag; £950(2), £940(2), Achnaba; £930, £925, Balnagown; £910, Ardachy.

SalX - £640(2), 8 Vatersay. SimX - £930(2), £795(2), Kilbride; £680(2), Dunach Estate.

Leading Prices Per Kilo

Blks - AAX - 308.5p(2),

Rhulios; 306.7p(2), 297p, 8 Vatersay; 295.8p(8), 287.6p(8), 284.3p(8), Poltalloch; 280.2p(6), Rhulios; 278.5p(4), Kinlochlaich; 276p(4), Kilbride; 275.8p(8), Poltalloch; 275.1p(3), Kilbride; 266p(5), Rhulios; 265.2p(3), Kinlochlaich; 254.4p(9), Poltalloch. BS - 314.7p, 10 Caolis, Vatersay; 270p, 13 Caolis, Vatersay; 258.9p, 12 Caolis Vatersay; 255.6p(3), 248.8p(2), 244.1p(3), 243.8p(2), Achnacloch. BRBx - 278.3p, 265p, Shenavallie. CharX - 288.3p, 265p(2), Shenavallie; 241.1p, Laggan Farms. LimX - 371.5p(2), Kilmalieu; 350p(4), 342.3p(2), 330.7p(3), 328.8p(3), Strongorm; 326.5p, Antuim; 319.5p(2), lochdar; 318p(2), Strongorm; 317.2p(3), 316.9p, Antuim; 309.3p(5), Kilmalieu; 308.3p, Pennygown; 305.5p(6), Lochbuie;

299.7p(6), Poltalloch; 296.5p(2), Antuim; 296.3p, Pennygown; 294.5p(6), Scoor; 294.5p, Woodend; 291.7p, Cuiluaire. Luing - 308.6p(10), 285.3p(12), Ardlarach; 280.5p(6), Blackmount; 276.2p(6), Knock; 275.3p(11), Ardlarach; 274.9p(3), Clachan; 263.6p(4), Knock; 262.8p(8), Ardlarach. SalX - 297p(2), 8 Vatersay; 287p, 1 Vatersay; 283.1p(7), 8 Vatersay; 274.5p, 7 Uidh; 273.6p, 269.5p, 1 Vatersay. SimX - 329.2p(5), Scammadale; 327.4p(4), 324.9p(2), 313.3p(3), Strongorm; 304.1p(6), Kilbride; 299.2p(2), Scammadale; 296.3p, Pennygown; 280.2p(4), Clad; 280p(5), 279.2p(3), Ardencaple; 278.8p(5), Kilbride; 274.8p(7), Scammadale; 273.7p(3), Pennygown; 271p(2), Cliad. BG - 279.2p(6), Achnacraig; 269.5p(3), Callachally.

Hfrs - AAX - 269.1p(4), Kilbride; 245.6p(6), Rhulios. BS - 275.6p, 13 Caolis; 244.6p, 240.4p, 12 Caolis. BRBx - 241.1p(2), Shenavallie. CharX - 267.2p, 264.5p, Shenavallie. LimX - 318.9p(2), 302.8p(3), Strongorm; 294.6p, Pennygown; 291.8p(4), Strongorm; 290.6p(3), Antuim; 290p(2), lochdar; 287p, Woodend; 286.5p(2), Cuiluaire; 280.5p(2), Strongorm; 278p(2), 275.9p, Pennygown; 273.4p, Culbhuirig; 273.3p(2), lochdar; 272.1p(7), Lochbuie. Luing - 256.8p, Tenga. SalX - 277p(5), 8 Vatersay; 251.1p(3), 7 Uidh. SimX - 309.9p(2), Dunach Estate; 304.9p, Strongorm; 285.7p(2), Dunach Estate; 285.7p(3), 273.7p(3), Strongorm; 259.3p(3), Kilbride; 258.5p(3), Pennygown.

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The trustees evaluate each application and determine awards in relation to each approved form.

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Rhoda Grant MSP

Regional MSP for the Highlands & Islands

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20/01575/PP	Erection of shed for indoor all weather surface for horse riding, erection of associated welfare unit, installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access	Land West Of Equestrian Centre, Glen Kerran, Southend, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute

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To have something stolen is always difficult and frustrating. Usually we don't know the name of the thief and have to hope he or she will eventually be caught and not inflict the same angst on others.

In my case, I have been given the name of a woman living in England who is regularly using my credit card to purchase items online from Microsoft.

I do not have an account with Microsoft, yet they accept this fraudulent activity every month with regular amounts varying from £89 to £630.

My credit card has been stopped and reissued three times now, yet this woman continues to use it as the payments are just transferred to the new card.

My bank kindly refund these amounts and I have now had to shut down my credit card account completely.

I do not understand why they cannot arrest this woman as the bank has given me her name and address to verify that I do not know her and that she does not have my permission to use my credit card.

As you can imagine, the inconvenience, frustration and amount of time I have had to devote to this has caused a great deal of stress and anxiety.

I feel disempowered, angry and frustrated beyond words.

This made me think again of those in our world who are disempowered in far worse ways in their lives than I am.

I think of those disempowered due to poverty, gender, ethnicity, sexuality or where in the world they live.

How helpless they must feel when they can do nothing and have no recourse to any helpline.

I wish I could do something for them, but alas that is also beyond my power.

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ISLAY

Sixteen staff made redundant as island hotel closes its doors

An historic hotel on Islay has officially closed with 16 people losing their jobs.

The 11-room Bridgend Hotel, dating back more than 150 years, suffered 'heavy losses' during lockdown, with staff now informed it has shut for the 'foreseeable' future.

Hotel owners and major land owners, the Islay Estates Company, have given staff notice to leave accommodation.

A source said that due to the housing shortage on Islay, some staff offered to pay rent in order to stay on.

The company said it had been 'understanding' of the living arrangements of former hotel staff.

It said: 'Of the 16 members of staff that were made redundant, three members of staff lived in tied accommodation.'

'One person requested an extension to the contractual notice regarding accommodation - which we agreed to immediately - granting a licence to occupy until mid-January, in addition to being offered a choice of two properties to move on to.'

'The other staff affected have not expressed any concerns over accommodation.'

In a statement, the company said: 'Like many hospitality businesses in Islay and around the world, the Bridgend Hotel has incurred heavy losses due to the pandemic.'

'In a normal year summer profits would sustain the business until the spring of the next year.'

'With losses instead of profits during the summer months - and with little prospect of the commercial environment improving for a hotel like ours - it is with great regret that we have made the unavoidable decision to close the Bridgend Hotel for the foreseeable future;



The Bridgend Hotel, Islay. Photograph: VisitScotland.

a highly regrettable consequence being that all hotel staff have been made redundant.

'We thank all hotel staff for their commitment in the months preceding closure.'

The Islay Estates Company was established 92 years ago, with Alastair John Morrison, the third Lord Margadale of Islay, among its directors. He is a member of the Morrison family and the estate on Islay is the sister estate to its Fonthill Estate, based at the family seat in Salisbury, Wiltshire.

The earliest known reference to Bridgend Hotel is from 1849 when it was still known as the Bridgend Inn.

According to local history, before buying most of the island, the Morrison family visited Islay on holiday in 1849 and stayed at the hotel for a week.

They later bought Islay in 1853 for £451,000 and began letting out the hotel to a variety of different tenants.

The Scottish Tourism Alliance has warned the industry employs 3.2 million people in the UK and brought in eight per cent of GDP.

It said the pandemic had hit the hospitality, leisure and tourism industries hard with at least 900,000 jobs 'at risk'.

Anger at broken glass at Bowmore football pitches

Politicians have condemned vandals who have been smashing glass at football pitches used by youngsters.

Islay Youth Football Club coaches appealed to the culprits to stop throwing beer bottles onto the pitch and leaving smashed glass at the Bowmore pitches.

On two recent Saturdays, they have found glass bottles - thrown over the four-metre-high perimeter fence of the all-weather pitch - and broken glass.

The incidents have been strongly criticised by the community members who have said the police will be notified.

Donald Cameron, MSP for the Highlands and Islands, said: 'I find it absolutely staggering anyone could act so stupidly as to deliberately smash bottles at a community facility like this.'

'This kind of reckless action is disgraceful. Children deserve to be able to play sport safely.'

Youth coach Allan Logan reported the incidents on the Islay Community Noticeboard Facebook page.

He said: 'On behalf of all the coaches and kids of Islay Youth Football Club we would like to ask whoever thinks it's cool to be smashing glass bottles up at Bowmore football pitches and surrounding areas - it's not cool and if you see this post we ask you politely to stop.'

He said broken glass was a safety hazard for children playing football and it meant they have had to clean up and scan every metre of the pitch before they can let children play.

'It's hard enough at the moment making everything Covid compliant for the kids to play without having to clean up this every week,' said Mr Logan.

Councillor Alastair Redman, who represents Kintyre and the Islands, said: 'It is plain wrong that the organisers should have to spend time carefully checking the pitch to ensure that the players come to no harm from shards of glass.'

'I really hope that the culprit gets the message and we see no repetition of this deplorable activity.'

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DEATHS

ARMOUR - Peacefully at Strachan House, Edinburgh on October 6, 2020, Robert Ralston Armour OBE (Bobby) of Braehead, Edinburgh and formerly of Drumore Villa, Campbeltown, in his 97th year, beloved husband of the late Ella McSporran, much loved father of Robert, father-in-law of Anne and dear grandfather of Katie and Iona. Private funeral service at Warriston Crematorium given current guidelines. No flowers please. If wished, donation can be made in memory of Bobby to Kintyre Food Bank.

CHINN - Peacefully at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on October 2, 2020, Alison Chinn, in her 71st year, 47 New Parliament Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Eric Chinn, much loved mum of Stephen and the late Frank, mother-in-law of Helen and loving nan to Jo and Connor. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

GLASS - Peacefully at home on October 7, 2020 after a short illness, John Glass, retired Argyll policeman, passed away with his family by his side. Loving husband and best friend of Anne, cherished and much-loved dad of Shirley and Andrew, father-in-law, proud and loving papa of his grandchildren and their partners, and doting papa John to his great-grandchildren. A private funeral service will be held at Greenock Crematorium at 1.00 p.m. on Monday, October 19. Details of the cortege route are available from Caladh Funeral Services, Kirn, Dunoon (01369) 707000 and donations may be made to Macmillan nurses and Cowal Hospice Trust in memory of John. Given current restrictions many people will be unable to join us in celebrating John's life, please raise a glass wherever you are, in memory of a man of his time and his place.

MACARTHUR - On October 7, 2020, peacefully at home with her family, Anne MacArthur, née MacDonald, aged 80 years, beloved wife of Donnie MacArthur, much loved mother of Caroline and Helen, dearly loved granny of Ian and Libby and great-granny of Liam. Sorely missed by all. A private funeral service, owing to current restrictions, was held at Clachan Cemetery, on October 13.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

LECKIE - Janne and Irene would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received and for cards, flowers and acts of kindness carried out following the death of their mum Florrie. Special thanks to all staff at Tarbert Medical Centre, Tarbert Home Care, Carr Gorm and Naomi and Tanya, for the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to the many people who stood along the route to the cemetery, to pay their respects, it was much appreciated and very humbling, full marks to piper John Hunt for his excellent renderings and to his undoubted stamina for the long march, also thanks to Rev Chris Fulcher for a comforting service despite the inclement weather and to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services.

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I would like to offer sincere and heartfelt thanks to all close family members, relatives, friends, ex colleagues and everyone else who contacted me, by whatever means, after my daughter, Christine (Nicol) lost her very brave fight against cancer on 31/08/2020.

I have been completely overwhelmed by the messages of sympathy, support and love that has come my way since that date. It has been a huge comfort to me in many ways, especially in the realisation of the high regard Christine was held in by all who came into contact with her.

Special mention must be made to her own circle of close friends who she met in primary school, continued through secondary school, into adulthood until her untimely death. You know who you are! Christine was so proud to be a part of your lives and you a big part of hers.

Life goes on but I want it to be known that my life has become more bearable because of all the expressions of sympathy from a wide range of people and places on the loss of my very special Daughter.

**Thank you all, so much.
Donnie (MacDonald)**

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David has decided he would like a change of career and everyone at the club wishes him good luck in his new venture.

Last Sunday's event, in which 45 members in teams of three competed, was organised by vice captain Graeme McLennan and treasurer Ailie MacBrayne.

A perfect golfing day with a light breeze and mild conditions was conducive to good scoring.

The team of Bobby Dalziel, John Wareham and Kieran McGeachy was in fine form.

With the help of four birdies, they reached the turn in 28 strokes but faltered a bit on the inward half to post 36 strokes. With a handicap of 8.6 this equated to a nett 55.4.

David, Ailie and Fraser MacBrayne matched the Dalziel team's score of 28 by starting with six threes, a two and two fours. One bogey on the back nine cost them the win as they finished with a scratch total of 60 but a lower handicap of 4.5 saw them adrift by 0.1 of a stroke.

Next up were Campbell MacBrayne, Alan Goddard and Robert Coffield who notched up 29 going out and 32 on the way back to finish on a nett 56.2.

The vice captain thanked greenkeepers Haydn Chambers and Campbell MacBrayne for having the



Dunaverty Golf Club vice-captain Graeme McLennan, left, with David Scullion following the presentation.

course in top condition and Ailie Goddard, assisted by her sister Rona and mother Mairi, who worked hard to cater for the competitors.

Results: 1 Bobby Dalziel, John Wareham, Kieran McGeachy, 64-8.6= 55.4; 2 David, Ailie and Fraser MacBrayne, 60-4.5=55.5; 3 Campbell MacBrayne, Alan Goddard, Robert Coffield, 61-4.8=56.2; 4 Steven, Lindsay and Sophie Garrett, 62-5.7=56.3; 5 Colin Hanbidge, Mary McKinven, Roy McKinven, 68-11.6=56.4; 6 Belle Robertson, Inez Ronald, Mary Wilson, 67-9.9=57.1. Bill Brannigan won the 'nearest the pin' prize at the 16th.

Old Firm fans urged not to travel to Argyll to watch match in pubs

Football fans should not be travelling to licensed premises to watch Saturday's Celtic versus Rangers fixture, the chairman of Argyll and Bute's licensing board has said.

Councillor David Kinniburgh also pleaded with residents of the central belt to remain in their own health board area while new Scottish Government restrictions are in force.

Areas of Argyll and Bute were

reportedly visited by many people from outwith the local authority area last weekend, with pubs completely closed across five central belt health board areas.

Argyll and Bute is under the jurisdiction of NHS Highland, which is not one of the five health board areas where pubs have to close. Licensed premises in the area may serve food and non-alcoholic drinks indoors until 6pm and

can serve alcohol outdoors if possible until 10pm.

Some licensed premises have decided to temporarily close completely despite being outwith the central belt, but others have remained open.

The Old Firm game takes place at 12.30pm on Saturday October 17, with no supporters allowed inside Celtic Park. In ordinary circumstances, the match attracts many visitors to pubs.

Councillor Kinniburgh said: 'Because of restrictions already in place and in view of the latest Scottish Government restrictions, I do not think descending on licensed premises to watch the Old Firm fixture or any sporting event is an attractive proposition.'

'I would ask anyone thinking of travelling into Argyll and Bute from the central belt for that purpose to follow the advice and not travel outwith

their health board area. Since the curfew announcement for certain areas was made by the Scottish Government, I am aware from media reports that some premises outwith curfew affected areas have decided to close because the restrictions imposed on them by the Scottish Government make continued trading unviable.

'This is a matter for individual businesses to consider but I do not think licensed premises

in Argyll and Bute should be considering a blanket temporary closure across the area for the period that the Scottish Government restrictions apply.'



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