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Plan hatched to keep Kintyre stocked with eggs over winter

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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A Kintyre business has hatched a plan to keep healthy, free range eggs on shop shelves throughout winter.

Hannah and Will Jones, who run Kintyre Eggs from their home at High Bellochinty Farm, have expanded their operations to ensure customers in Kintyre have year-round access to high quality eggs, even when their hens are laying at a reduced rate during the darker months.

Kintyre Eggs was established 11 years ago when Hannah and Will bought a dozen hens for their son Fred and began selling their eggs locally.

Fred's eggs were so popular the flock was expanded and today 4,000 free range hens are kept in small flocks at the farm. However, despite the growth of the operation, they still sometimes struggle to meet demand, with eggs now being delivered to shops and eating establishments right

'Our hens naturally lay less eggs during the darker months'

up the west coast to Oban and to islands, including Islay, Jura and Mull. They are also sent to Inveraray, Loch Fyne, Lomond, Balloch and Helensburgh, across to Edinburgh and Penicuik and to Crieff, Comrie, Crianlarich and Tyndrum.

'Our hens naturally lay less eggs during the darker months and we use this time to deep clean and improve their houses,' said Hannah.

In the past, the Kintyre Eggs team simply reduced the availability of their eggs, particularly to larger wholesale customers, during this time.

However, the Covid-19 pandemic changed this.

Hannah explained: 'During lockdown, we stopped supplying eggs to one of our main buyers in Edinburgh, who

could buy eggs elsewhere, so we could deliver more eggs to local shops. Local businesses were doing an amazing job supporting our communities, so we did our best to keep eggs on their shelves.'

To ensure these shops remain supplied, the couple is launching a new egg box, branded Deliciously Scottish Eggs.

Deliciously Scottish Eggs are gathered from free range, Scottish family farms such as High Bellochinty and are individually hand-packed on Kintyre. Hannah met producers at the Scottish Quality Egg Awards where the family eggs have been awarded the top award of 'outstanding', and she has visited other free range farms. She said: 'We've discovered some fantastic family farms, with happy hens, laying great eggs. With the help of AM Transport, we'll be bringing their eggs to Kintyre to top up shelves when we don't have quite enough of our own Kintyre Eggs.'

The distinctive purple and



Henny and Charlie Jones holding the egg boxes on which they feature. Henny, left, with two boxes of Kintyre Eggs, and Charlie, right, shows off the new Deliciously Scottish Eggs packaging.

blue label features Hannah and Will's youngest son Charlie.

'Charlie is really happy,' Hannah said. 'He missed out

on the Kintyre Egg boxes, with his brothers Dougal and Fred and his sister Henny all featuring, so he's been wait-

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Glen Croe mooted as preferred solution to Rest landslip saga

A route adjacent to the existing A83 has been revealed as Argyll and Bute Council's preferred option as a solution to problems at the Rest and Be Thankful.

However, the authority has also said that a further option to link Arden with Lochgilphead, making use of current roads and building two crossings over water, 'may provide merit for longer term consideration'.

Councillors were recommended to approve the council's response to the Scottish Government's consultation on the Rest and Be Thankful at a full meeting yesterday (Thursday October 22).

Continued landslips at the stretch of the A83 have led to closures, sometimes with the Old Military Road being unavailable.

That led to the Scottish Government committing to a permanent solution in August, with 11 options drafted by Transport Scotland the following month.

In its response to option one, the preferred option alongside the existing A83, the council said: 'Argyll and Bute Council is ambitious for its area. That ambition must be tempered with a degree of realism - Argyll and Bute needs a solution to be delivered



The Rest and Be Thankful had been blighted by landslides.

as soon as possible and the delivery timeline is a key issue in considering all the options.

'That is why the council supports option one as offering realistic solutions which will increase resilience on the A83 and provide the uninterrupted year-round access that Argyll and Bute needs and deserves.'

'This route corridor appears, on the face of it, to offer the most deliverable set of solutions within an option, although these remain engineering projects of considerable significance and which will be complex to progress.'

Six of the other 10 options will not be supported by the council, while options two to five are not ruled out if they can be delivered sustainably.

Of those, the council rates option five as its preference. The route would make use of existing roads while new crossings would be built over Loch

Long between Whistlefield and Barnacaber, and Loch Fyne between Otter Ferry and Port Ann.

Option two goes through Glen Kinglas, option three through Glen Fyne, and option four starts the same as option five from Arden, but moves north from Barnacaber to Cairndow.

On those four options, the council said: 'These ambitious proposals have significant transformative potential for Argyll and Bute, increasing resilience as well as enhancing connectivity to, from and for all of Argyll and Bute, including opening up more direct connections to the central belt for communities like Mid Argyll and Kintyre.'

'If any of these options can be delivered or substantially progressed within an acceptable timeframe, then the council will support them.'

POLICE FILES

Cars vandalised

The bodywork on the passenger side of a red Peugeot 308 car was scratched at Castlehill, Campbeltown, between 2pm and 2.40pm on Monday October 12.

Also on Monday October 12, between midday and 1pm, the front wing on the driver's side of a white Toyota Yaris car was dented in Longrow South, Campbeltown.

Careless driving

A motorcycle and a tractor collided on the A83 near Tayinloan at about 11.50am on Saturday October 17. The 25-year-old man riding the motorcycle, who was injured and taken to hospital, was subsequently charged with alleged careless driving.

Police assault

A 20-year-old man was arrested for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner at about 4.20am on Sunday October 18, in Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown. He then allegedly assaulted police officers and struggled with them, resisting arrest. He was charged with the offences.

Door bell damaged

Police are appealing for witnesses after a door bell unit was damaged and ripped from the wall at Pensioner Row, New Quay Street, Campbeltown, between 4pm on Friday October 16 and 9am on Monday October 19.

Anti-social driving

A white Ford Fiesta car was allegedly driven in an anti-social and erratic manner at about 12.10am on Saturday October 17, on Main Street, Bowmore. The car was stopped by police and the driver, a 20-year-old man, was issued with an anti-social behaviour warning.

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.

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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.

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Contact 07788900049 or fiona@mayds.org.uk lynn@mayds.org.uk

Funding to create cycleway and improve pavements

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South Kintyre councillors Rory Colville and John Armour have welcomed news that funding is to be used to create a cycleway and improved pavements between Campbeltown Hospital and Campbeltown Grammar School.

However, fellow South Kintyre councillor Donald Kelly believes the money, which is being distributed to towns through Argyll to make it easier for people to move around town centres safely during the coronavirus pandemic, would be better used to improve infrastructure in the town centre, particularly to assist people with disabilities.

The plans, revealed by Argyll and Bute Council last Friday, follow consultation with local communities and stakeholders, and are possible thanks to the Spaces for People programme - a £38 million fund established by the Scottish Government and managed by a UK walking and cycling charity Sustrans to enable safe physical distancing for people walking, wheeling and cycling.

Argyll and Bute Council successfully applied for a total of £915,000 from the fund.



South Kintyre's councillors, from left, Rory Colville, John Armour and Donald Kelly, are not in agreement about the best use of the funding.

The original £315,000 awarded for improvements related to town centres was topped up by a further £150,000 funding. There was also an additional £450,000 to improve walking and wheeling access to schools.

After fully analysing responses from the consultation, local area committees have agreed to go ahead with a number of projects across the authority area.

According to the council, the consultation identified that Campbeltown's town centre already has sufficient space for physical distancing and maintaining all existing car parking spaces was seen as a priority.

Instead, work will focus on providing a cycleway and improved pavements on the section of Ralston Road between Campbeltown Hospital and Campbeltown Grammar School which is bounded by playing fields and therefore

will not require any space to be taken from the existing road.

The council is also looking at the Esplanade to confirm if a segregated cycleway can be accommodated without losing any existing on-street parking.

Councillor Colville said: 'I believe the analysis and participation in the consultation was excellent, the results from which, when linked to the new Traffic Regulation Order now in operation, will greatly improve access to town centre shopping.'

'I would also thank officers in gaining funding to improve social distancing on the narrow pavements leading to the Grammar school, something both myself and Councillor Armour were keen to achieve.'

Councillor Armour added: 'The result of the consultation is exactly what I was hearing from local businesses and the public, that there was enough

space in the middle of the town to social distance.

'I think the idea of a cycleway and improved pavements between the hospital entrance and the school bus turning area is an excellent idea and something Councillor Colville and myself pushed hard for during the consultation.'

'The pavement in that area is far too narrow when pupils are coming and going from school so opening up the area and including a safe cycleway should allow a safe distance for those walking on the pavement and a new option with the cycleway.'

However, Councillor Kelly said: 'Every grant and tranche of funding must be used to gain maximum benefit for the community. I would rather see this funding utilised in the town centre and surrounding area to make much-needed improvements to the pavements including installing drop kerbs to improve disabled access. This would be a much better use of what is a limited resource.'

Town to receive shopfront improvement funding

Campbeltown is expected to receive more than £10,000 to further improve shopfronts after Argyll and Bute Council received funding from the Scottish Government's Town Centre Capital Fund.

The total grant of £444,000 from the fund is being shared evenly between the council's four administrative areas.

In Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands, £33,500 each is being proposed to be distributed for shopfronts in Lochgilphead, Tarbert and Bowmore on Islay, while the remaining £10,500 share would go towards shopfronts in Campbeltown.

In all cases, property owners would be required to contribute towards improvement works.

Councillors were scheduled to be asked to approve a full list of capital projects at a full meeting yesterday (Thursday, October 22).

Council executive director Kirsty Flanagan said in a covering report: 'Due to the immediate need to build resilience within the economy, the aim of the fund is to support construction activity within town centres.'

'A key constraint of the fund is therefore the tight timeline to physically deliver capital projects within the current financial year, or at the very least, agree a signed contract for the works or be started on site by April 1, 2021.'

'Consequently, it is likely that any works we can support are part of an established programme of works, potential match funding is in place if required, and staff/community resources are in place to deliver the identified capital projects.'

'Projects have been chosen to support the viability of our town centres and, where possible, linked to either a town centre action plan that has often been taken forward through a making places initiative.'

'To achieve a range of capital projects that will make a meaningful difference there is a need to make quick decisions and link where possible to established programmes of work.'

South Kintyre councillor Rory Colville told the Courier: 'I am delighted to note that as a result of the previous uptake by shopkeepers this further funding could result in a total of 30 town centre shops being able to access financial support to improve their external appearance.'

Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly added: 'I am disappointed that Campbeltown has only been awarded £10,500 given the excellent track record we have in delivering shopfront improvements.'

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Chance to reduce driving ban

An Islay man has been given the chance to cut his drink-driving ban from a year to nine months.

When Paul Donachie, aged 44, of 5 Birch Drive, Bowmore, appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week he pleaded guilty to driving when unfit. His defence agent, Keith Tuck, said: 'He is disappointed in himself and so is his family. He made an error of judgement and drove a very short distance.'

David Glancy, procurator fiscal depute, said the incident happened on September 29 last year when police received reports of bad driving on Main Street, Bowmore.

'A number of inquiries were made, witnesses traced and the accused presented himself at Bowmore Police Station on October 12.'

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said this was a deeply unfortunate, serious matter and fined Donachie £375 with a 12-month driving ban.

But the sheriff said he was 'satisfied by Donachie's otherwise good character' that he was a suitable candidate for the driver rehabilitation scheme which he could attend at

his own expense. If he was successful in passing, his ban would be reduced by three months.

Assault 'out of character'

An Islay man was fined £375 for assaulting his partner when he appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Dylan Charles Holyoake, aged 19, of 4 Beech Avenue, Bowmore, admitted seizing the woman by the neck and pushing her against a wall on July 12 this year, in licensed premises in Bowmore.

Holyoake's defence agent, Stephen MacSporran, said: 'He accepts responsibility for his actions. It is out of character.'

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'Taking someone by the neck is inherently dangerous.'

He fined Holyoake £375 and ordered him to pay a victim surcharge of £20.

Crash driver wasted police time

Sheriff Patrick Hughes had words for an Islay man whom he fined a total of £900 and added five penalty points to his

licence.

Ross Smith, aged 25, of 3 Hawthorn Lane, Bowmore, Islay, admitted driving without due care and attention and failing to report an accident within 24 hours when he appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

'Your failure to report this matter is particularly serious; police officers had to extend their shift and search for you,' said the sheriff, adding: 'Your failure to report wasted police time and was a loss to the public purse.'

Procurator fiscal depute David Glancy said Smith's vehicle had left the road and collided with a garden fence on December 30 2018, near to Old Smiddy, Bridgend.

'Police officers were just about to come off duty when they received a message that a single-vehicle accident had happened,' Mr Glancy said. 'At the scene they found a silver Volkswagen Golf extensively damaged and its airbags deployed with blood on the door.'

Concerned for the driver's safety, the officers searched the area, checked the ownership of the car and called at both of Smith's parents' homes.

The fiscal added that neither parent seemed 'unduly concerned'. When Smith presented himself at the Bowmore Police

Station and was charged, he replied: 'I have taken that corner at that speed before but that night I lost control of it.'

Defence agent Ruben Murdanaigum said Smith had suffered mild concussion during the incident. He also produced photographs to prove Smith had repaired the fence.

Overcame prescription addiction

A 33-year-old woman has overcome an addiction that began when she was prescribed painkillers two years ago.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said the offences to which Laura Downie, of 9 Tigh na Creige, West Bank Road, Ardrishaig, pleaded to guilty at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week 'appear out of character'.

Downie admitted obtaining prescription drugs by fraud by providing a false name, address and date of birth at the medical practice and pharmacy in Tarbert in October last year and pretending to be an employee of Boots Chemist, on Longrow, Campbeltown, and that she was authorised to pick

up a prescription for dihydrocodine tablets on someone's behalf on June 11 2019.

Her defence agent, Stephen MacSporran, said Downie 'expressed remorse for her actions'. The sheriff said it was to her own credit she had overcome the addiction and deferred sentence for six months until April 2021 for Downie to be of good behaviour.

Community payback order

Alan Sinclair, aged 39, of 18 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, was placed on a community payback order when he appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Sinclair had previously admitted striking his partner and Sheriff Patrick Hughes called for reports to be prepared before he handed down a sentence. The court had heard Sinclair had 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.

Sheriff Hughes made Sinclair the subject of a community payback order for 12 months, during which he must work to

rehabilitate himself. He must also carry out 150 hours of unpaid work in the community.

Fined for throwing plant pots

A 49-year-old Campbeltown woman was fined £70 when she appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Karen Anne Parker, 7 Glenside, Dalaruan Street, admitted threatening and abusive behaviour on May 2 this year when she shouted, swore and threw plant pots at her then partner.

Procurator fiscal depute David Glancy described the couple's relationship as 'volatile'.

'Officers found the house in a state of disarray,' he said, 'a door had been taken off its hinges, which officers thought odd, and there was a strong smell of drink in the house.'

Defence agent Stephen MacSporran said both Parker and her partner had been drinking. He said: 'There had been an argument between both parties; she does not recall much of the incident.'

He added: 'The relationship has ended and she has since moved on. She apologises for her conduct.'



A menu to match the views

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SEAFOOD SOUP £6.50
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with chilli herb and garlic oil served with a warm bread roll

MACARONI CHEESE £7
with garlic bread - add smoked salmon £1.50

HAND DIVED TAYVALLICH LANDED KING SCALLOPS £12
3 scallops pan fried in garlic butter served with dressed leaves

CLASSIC MOULES MARINIÈRE £8
Scottish mussels steamed in white wine, cream, garlic and onions served with a warm bread roll

SOUND OF JURA LANGOUSTINE £10
Served hot in garlic butter with a bread roll or served cold with salad and garlic mayonnaise

MAIN COURSES

FISH & CHIPS £13
in our own beer batter served with tartare sauce

SOUND OF JURA LANGOUSTINE £21
baked in garlic butter or served cold with garlic mayonnaise and salad - both served with rustic chips

HAND DIVED TAYVALLICH LANDED KING SCALLOPS £25
6 king scallops pan fried in garlic butter served with salad and rustic chips

MACARONI CHEESE £10
with ciabatta garlic bread - Add smoked salmon £3

CLASSIC MOULES MARINIÈRE £14.50
Scottish mussels steamed in white wine, cream, garlic and onions served with a warm bread roll or swap to chips for £2

HOT SMOKED SALMON AND PRAWN LINGUINE £16.50
in a white wine and cream sauce, served with garlic bread

HADDOCK, SMOKED SALMON AND PRAWN GRATIN £17
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served with roasted vine tomatoes, onion rings, rustic chips, salad and peppercorn sauce.

HOMEMADE BEEF BURGER £12
2 x 4oz burgers served on a seeded bun with salad, onion rings and burger sauce served with rustic chips on the side - add cheese & bacon - £1 each

CURRY OF THE DAY £12
served with wild rice, popadom, mango chutney & spiced onions

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ONION RINGS £3
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GARLIC BREAD £3

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fresh chicken fillet in our own batter served with chips and beans

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NHS Highland bullying behaviour review bid fails

A councillor's bid to get health chiefs to conduct a review of bullying behaviour within NHS Highland has failed.

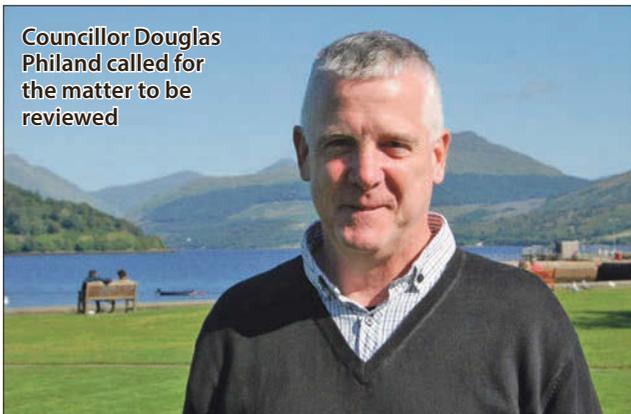
Argyll and Bute Council's policy and resources committee heard an update on the response to a culture survey by the area's health and social care partnership (HSCP) on Thursday October 15.

Councillor Douglas Philand (independent) tried to submit an amendment which called for the matter to be referred to the full council, with a recommendation a review be conducted by the HSCP's integration joint board (IJB).

But it only gained the backing of the four SNP councillors on the committee – councillors Audrey Forrest, Lorna Douglas, Sandy Taylor and Richard Trail.

A motion by Councillor Kieron Green that the committee should welcome the actions of the IJB and endorse

Councillor Douglas Philand called for the matter to be reviewed



the HSCP's approach gained eight votes and was carried.

The Sturrock Report, published in May 2019, suggested hundreds of health workers in NHS Highland had experienced 'fear, intimidation and inappropriate behaviour at work'.

Councillor Philand said: 'Sometimes you don't know what is going on and that is the whole point of asking for this.

'I know there is a bit of poison at the bottom of the barrel and it will affect the whole lot. Now is the time to be brave enough to say there is a real problem.'

'It is so important to get the culture right as to how people feel. People are employed by us but we are not asking them whether what happened is continuing to happen. I am doing this because I believe it is right for the people who say they

are genuinely hurting in this process. Let's help the people who are needing help.'

Councillor Green, in summing up the initial motion, said: 'We have had an independent review and follow-on action from NHS Highland.'

'I am aware of staff who will have experienced bullying but with the steps taken following the culture survey, and the work currently in progress to advance the actions arising, I strongly feel we have to give time for change. Let us take a positive step today, recognise the work that has been done and the work that is still to be done.'

Council leader Robin Currie, chairman of the policy and resources committee, seconded the motion. He was joined in backing it by councillors Rory Colville, Bobby Good, Yvonne McNeilly, Gary Mulvaney, Alastair Redman and Elaine Robertson.

Have your say on the cost of rural living

Researchers are asking the people of Campbeltown to participate in a study that will create a better understanding of the needs and costs experienced by those living in rural and remote areas of Scotland.

The research initiative, commissioned by the Scottish Government, is called Minimum Income Standard for Remote and Rural Scotland and updates similar work commissioned in 2012 by Highlands and Islands Enterprise and partner organisations.

The project has now begun recruiting in Campbeltown and surrounding villages for participants from a variety of backgrounds and age groups.

The research will be conducted by the Centre for Research in Social Policy team at the University of Loughborough, working alongside two Highland-based researchers.

The findings will be used by the Scottish Government and other organisations to help make sure people have enough to enable them to have an acceptable standard of living and to play a full part in today's society.

The research will be carried out using three local focus groups which will involve a small number of people taking part in an informal discussion led by a professional researcher.

The researchers operate under strict ethical and legal codes, including those of the Data Protection Act and the Social Research Association.

The dates for the focus groups are: Working age with no dependents: Monday November 23, 6.30pm to 9.30pm; Pensioners: Tuesday November 24, 10am to 1pm and Parents: Thursday November 26, 6.30pm to 9.30pm.

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School meal regulations strain council budget

School meal regulations are placing an additional strain on Argyll and Bute Council's budget, the authority's executive director has said.

A report revealed that new cost and demand pressures for 'food and drink standards' were handing the council an extra £65,000 cost every year.

That led council leader Robin Currie to seek clarity on whether this was due to school meals being given out while schools were closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Increased cost

But executive director Kirsty Flanagan said the increased cost had come from new regulations for school meals set out by the Scottish Government.

The discussion took place at a meeting of the council's policy and resources committee as it debated the authority's budget outlook up to 2025/26.

Ms Flanagan said: "There

have been new regulations on what we are allowed to give children as part of a school meal and that has brought about an increase in costs.

'One example of this would be that we are only allowed to give pupils a specific type of yoghurt and demand is pushing costs up.

'It has nothing to do with Covid costs.'

Ms Flanagan's fellow executive director Douglas Hendry also stated that uptake of school meals had not been up to the same level as they had been before the Covid-19 pandemic.

He said: 'Schools only opened at the back end of August, but it is looking as if the uptake of meals and income from them is down.

'It looks like there might be an issue as since the schools came back, pupils have not been taking up school meals as

they had before Covid set in.' Councillor Alastair Redman responded: 'You can certainly see that in some schools where they have introduced a more meagre meal for growing pupils who are instead going down the road for food from a shop.'

Regulations

A Scottish Government spokesperson said: 'Following a public consultation and engagement with our local authority partners we will be introducing amended regulations for the provision of school food and drink in April 2021.

'The amended regulations will make school food even healthier by reducing the amount of sugar served, increasing the amount of fruit and vegetables that are available and place a maximum on the amount of red and red processed meat that can be

served in a school week. The 2020/21 local government finance settlement announced in March means that Argyll and Bute Council was due to receive £219.7 million to fund local services.

'Taken together with the council's decision to increase council tax by 4.5 per cent, the council had an initial extra £12.5 million to support vital day-to-day services in 2020/21 which was the equivalent of an additional 6.3 per cent on 2019/20. To date, the council have been allocated an additional £8.4 million to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic, plus £37 million to support local businesses.

'In addition, Argyll and Bute Council will receive its fair share of a further £178 million which is currently undistributed but will be allocated following agreement with COSLA on how it is to be distributed.'



Do these lights belong to an alien aircraft or is there a terrestrial explanation?

'Strange' looking UFO spotted at Southend

An unidentified flying object (UFO) over Southend left the man who spotted it feeling 'very strange'.

The man, an elderly Southend resident, said the sighting from Kiel on October 13 was not prolonged and the apparent movement of the phenomenon couldn't confirm whether it was several lit objects or just one object with multiple lights.

He added: 'We were watching seals on Kiel beach when suddenly I noticed a line of lights, low down but very intense. I'm not particularly a believer in [extra-terrestrial] UFOs but watching those lights made me feel very strange.'

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An 'egg-cellent' plan for winter

We couldn't publish an article about High Bellochantuy Farm's 'egg-cellent' idea to ensure Kintyre remains stocked up with eggs throughout the winter without throwing in a few 'corn-y' puns.

Seriously, though, this is a great idea, sourcing eggs similar to their own in terms of quality from similar Scottish farms to ensure people in Kintyre have access to healthy eggs all year round.

Eggs are nutritious and a fantastic source of high-quality protein. According to the NHS, they are a source of vitamins D, A, B2, B12, folate and iodine, and are 'a good choice' as part of a healthy, balanced diet, with no recommended limit on how many eggs people should eat.

Any initiative which helps increase our chances of remaining healthy over winter, during which illnesses such as the cold and flu are more common, should be applauded.

This is particularly important this year, during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

It's also great to see the expansion of a local business at what is a difficult time for many, giving us some hope for Kintyre's economy.

Hannah and Will Jones are not only helping their own business thrive but are supporting local stores by encouraging people to shop locally, and the community as a whole by maintaining the supply of healthy eggs.

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Thank you for supporting church gift day

Please may I use this column to thank everyone who so generously supported the Highland Parish Church gift day last Saturday.

I am overwhelmed by the expressions of support, both verbal and financial, and encouraged so many people in Kintyre and beyond value the ongoing work done by the folk of the Highland Parish Church. Thank you very much.

Reverend Steve Fulcher,
Highland Parish Church minister.

Anger after 'Keep Islay safe' poster slashed

I was out and about in Port Charlotte recently, speaking to my constituents and hearing about many pressing local concerns – while social distancing.

It was great to check up on the progress of pavement and road repairs in the village. However, there is still much more work that needs to take place just outside of Port Charlotte, including pothole filling. There was also justifiable anger about one of the 'Keep Islay Safe' posters being slashed. I have contacted our council's Covid-19 department about this and have also spoken to Donald Cameron MSP.

I will continue to work day-in, day-out to address important local matters in every corner of my council ward.

Councillor Alastair Redman,
Kintyre and the Islands.

No costings or timescale for Rest and Be Thankful options

I write as a retired civil engineer with regard to the Rest and Be Thankful.

The problem seems to basically stem from a lack of proper maintenance over many, many years. Mountains in such locations need to be treated as living things and action taken to en-



The 'Keep Islay Safe' poster which has been slashed.

sure they are kept under control. In the case of the Rest, there appear to be particular problems:

- That action is needed in different areas. In this context, I would suggest pressure grouting much higher up the mountain, down to bedrock, would solve a number of problems with the more minor landslides.

- The road could be protected in many places by the use of gabions.

These would surely be a better solution than the fencing currently in use.

- At the locations where small side streams can act as a conduit for debris to come and block the road, the provision of a box culvert under the road would ensure the debris could be diverted into the valley.

- There may be a few locations where it could be more advantageous to install portal frame protection, but I believe these are relatively few. The provision of a suitable 'ditch' on the eastern side would also help.

I am horrified the authorities had the audacity to suggest the number of options that they did for public comment.

I think questions need to be asked as to who was responsible for this. Why were they presented with no cost indication and no potential building timescale? I would recommend properly qualified engineers who have a track record of overcoming these problems are appointed with a remit to prepare a properly costed report within six months.

I firmly believe the proposals I have outlined here are by far the most economical solution to the problem and, with proper control, the end result could probably be achieved by the autumn of 2022.

This depends on meaningful management of the problem. There are many major roads in the Alps where similar problems have been successfully overcome.

I am well aware I do not live in Argyll, but I have strong family links and it is incumbent on all interested parties to make comment to ensure the public is fully aware of the shortcomings exhibited in the proposals presented to date.

Fergus Macdonald, Burton Latimer,
Northamptonshire.

National Covid support service needed

Urgent action is needed to improve care for people living with 'long Covid' in Scotland.

Thousands in Scotland are living with the long-term effects of this virus, many going without proper help.

There are significant psychological and social impacts that will have long-term consequences.

Hospital one-stop clinics and social support must be considered, along with the financial pressures on previously economically active people.

People are struggling to breathe, walk to the end of their street and some people have felt almost bed bound for months.

We have a chance in Scotland to bring together health professionals and charities to provide a seamless package of care.

We need to see a full national support service for 'long Covid' in Scotland. People don't have time to wait.

Jane-Claire Judson, chief executive,
Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland.

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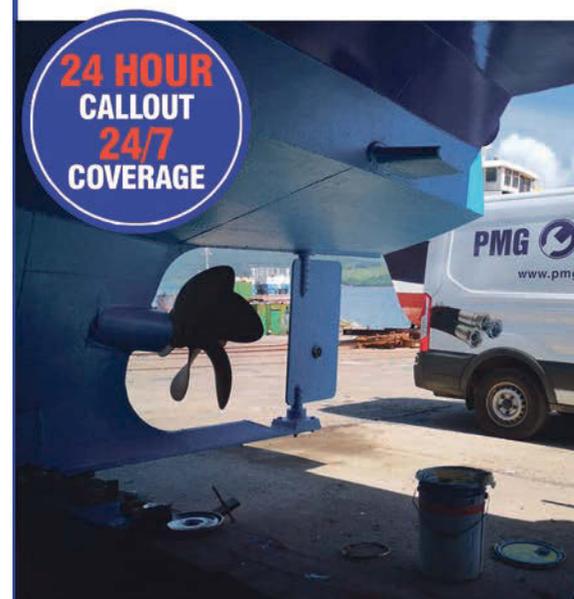


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Showcase your moggy this #BlackCatDay

Cat lovers have a lot to celebrate this Black Cat Day (October 27) with Cats Protection's news that black and black-and-white cats are no longer overlooked as they once were.

Since we created the awareness day in 2010 to highlight that black cats took longer to rehome than other cats, they now spend 11 days less on average in care than before, prior to moving to their new loving homes.

Around 65,000 black or black-and-white cats have been homed through our adoption centres in the decade since the campaign started, a remarkable 44 per cent of all cats homed through our centres during that time.

Not only do these cats now spend less time in our care, but each year thousands celebrate the day and engage with our #BlackCatDay hashtag on social media.

Throughout the campaign, Cats Protection has explored reasons why black cats might be less popular, working to change perceptions and buck the rehoming trend. These included black cats being seen as unlucky or not photogenic in selfies.

We invite readers to celebrate and showcase their black cat knowledge by hosting a quiz for friends and family, while also raising vital funds for their local branch or centre.

More details about the quiz and Black Cat Day can be found at www.cats.org.uk/black-cats

James Yeates, chief executive officer, Cats Protection.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's Photograph of the Week shows more deer, although these are younger than last week's stag.

John Anderson, who lives on the Moss Road, sent us this snap and said: 'Roe deer twins born this year having a wee sunbathe

in the garden. Loads of berries too, so maybe a stiff winter ahead.'

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

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO Friday October 22, 2010 Last meeting at town hall

A 'disgrace' is how one community councillor described the temporary closure of Campbeltown Town Hall.

It was revealed at a meeting of Campbeltown Community Council on Monday night in the town hall that it could be the last time a meeting is held in the building.

The council previously decided to mothball the building to save money and to allow a sustainable use to be found. It was agreed in February it would not close until November 1.

Argyll and Bute Council has announced the temporary closure this week over 'health and safety concerns' after it said gaps in the slates have allowed birds to enter the roof space.

The council is now assessing how the contamination they have caused can be cleared.

Bookings for the town hall have been stopped and an alternative venue of the Victoria Hall for events like coffee mornings has been offered.

The roof has already been identified as an area which needs repair. The council is continuing work to establish a business case for the future of the building.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO Friday October 27, 1995 Source of incendiaries mystifies experts

Argyll and Bute MP Ray Michie has welcomed the news that the Scottish Office has ordered a seabed survey of the munitions dump at Beaufort's Dyke in a bid to find the source of the thousands of incendiaries being washed up on west coast beaches.

But she said British Gas pipe laying operations in the area of the dump should stop until the survey is completed.

Earlier this week she called on government departments to 'stop passing the buck' over responsibility for the issue. Last week she met Defence Minister Michael Portillo who insisted the incendiaries were not military.

Mystery still surrounds the precise nature of the incendiaries and where they have been coming from. Experts contacted by the Courier speculated that the phosphorus shell around a petrol-jelly core would make an effective fire

bomb, but the same experts said they could also be a primitive type of flare.

FIFTY YEARS AGO Friday October 22, 1970 Noble hears fishermen's fears for the future

A deputation of seven Carradale and Tarbert fishermen met Mr Michael Noble, MP for Argyll, at his home at Strone on Saturday to bring his attention to the problem of herring trawlers operating in Clyde waters.

Mr Robert Paterson, chairman of the Clyde Fishermen's Association and a retired fisherman himself, was a member of the Carradale delegation. He said after the meeting with Mr Noble: 'He's with us. We had a long talk with him on the trawling problem. He said he would do all he could. He couldn't commit himself but he gave us a fighting chance.'

Fears for the safety of the Clyde herring stocks is a recurring anxiety of Clyde fishermen. The appearance several years ago of herring trawlers in large numbers increased that anxiety, which culminated in a request to the then Secretary of State for Scotland Mr William Ross for the abolition of herring trawlers in Clyde waters.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO Saturday October 23, 1920 Local steamboat services

The authorities have instructed Campbeltown and Glasgow Steam Packet Company to cancel sailings on Mondays.

As a result, the steamer from here on Saturdays will proceed to Glasgow and return to Campbeltown on Tuesday. Passengers from Glasgow to Campbeltown should note the train leaving Central Station in connection with the Campbeltown steamer now departs at 8.25am instead of 8.33am.

There has been a drastic reduction of train and steamboat services from the Clyde, especially the cross-channel boats which have been greatly reduced this week in consequence of the coal strike. People travelling should study the time-tables daily and watch the announcement in the daily press to avoid disappointment.

The Tarbert and Ardrishaig boat has been restricted to Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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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 first half the booklet's third chapter, titled *Anecdotes*, which we conclude this week.

Anecdotes continued

At the head of the quay was the Weigh House - known as the 'Weeuss' - which was there to weigh certain incoming and outgoing cargoes from the pier. It was also a gathering place for old friends, especially ex-fishermen, to meet and blether about the old days.

Other assemblies were at the Hall Street side of the Christian Institute where lots of hot air was expended and lots of voices were raised without anyone coming to blows.

In those days, 'cattle floats' - large lorries designed for the transport of cattle or sheep - were not in use in this area, so farmers living near the town would bring their cows in on foot.

Housewives living in tenements took great pride in the cleanliness of their stairs. Our family used a product called 'pipe clay' to keep our steps gleaming white.

However, they didn't always stay in that pristine condition. Early one morning, at about 6.30am, a small herd of cattle was being driven down Longrow en route to the steamer when one cow decided to make a dash for freedom and ended up climbing our stairs!

Eventually, one of the herders manoeuvred the scared beast to ground level and peace was restored, but that left many hours of scrubbing and cleaning to be done. Never to be forgotten.

At the Grammar School, romance must have been in the air because four of our male teachers chose local shop assistants to woo. These charming ladies would each become their respective wives, but we enjoyed the gossip as

their stories developed. Campbeltown had no fire engines until after the Second World War, but they used what was jokingly called 'The Ice Cream Barrow' which was a two-wheeled barrow loaded with fire-fighting equipment and pushed by untrained council workers.

The first fire I remember was at Ramsay's Garage in Argyll Street and somehow they got it under control.

I had intended to limit the stories to the 1930s, but other later events keep popping into my mind. In the summer of 1940, six local men lost their lives and more than 70 were taken prisoner by the Germans at St Valery en Caux, France, and we found ourselves living in a gloomy town.

However, at the beginning of 1941, news was received that the Germans had repatriated two of these men because of injury or age. I knew one of them, Roddy MacLeod, from Glebe Street, but, unfortunately, I cannot recall the name of the second one.

A huge crowd had gathered in the Main Street to give them a warm welcome home. I had never before seen so many people assembled in one place and as a MacBrayne's bus, carrying the men, slowly made its way to the Post Office, the cheering began and resonated throughout the whole town.

People were laughing and crying with the sheer unrestrained emotion of the day. I thought the sound was loud enough to be heard in Tarbert!

Looking back, I appreciate the freedom we were allowed to have as youngsters.

It was a happy-go-lucky existence and there was boyish excitement to be found round every corner.

See next week's Courier for more from the booklet.

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Largest network of virus testing facilities covering all of Scotland

The UK Government has put in place the largest network of diagnostic testing facilities created in British history, setting up a state of the art network of virus testing facilities across Scotland. In support of the Scottish Government, the UK Government is providing all COVID-19 testing in Scotland outside of NHS settings for people in Scotland. Support

includes six drive-through centres, two new walk-in sites with more to follow, 20 mobile units as well as home testing kits, testing for care home staff and residents, and – highlighted here – the Glasgow Lighthouse Lab, operating around the clock to process an estimated 50,000 swabs each day, hoping to soon hit a daily target of 85,000.

THIS TIME last year, every single one of the estimated 400 people who work at the Lighthouse Lab in Glasgow were doing something else.

There was simply no need for a virus testing lab of this scale and ambition in the UK. What a difference a year makes.

The Glasgow “megalab” that now stretches over four floors of a specially commandeered building in Govan is a vital part of the largest network of diagnostic testing facilities yet created by any UK government.

As Chief Operating Officer for the College of Medical Veterinary Sciences at the University of Glasgow, Carol Clugston (pictured) has been involved with the Glasgow Lighthouse Lab since its inception.

“The very first day we started, in April,” she recalls, “we did 41 tests. Now we’ve just passed 2.5 million cumulative tests.”

Facilities like the Glasgow Lighthouse Lab are helping to maximise testing capacity in Scotland

and across the UK. Increasing the number of people tested is a key part of easing lockdown restrictions and getting people back to work.

Shortly after the Glasgow lab opened, in May, a partnership deal was struck with medical research specialist BioClavis, whose company president Harper Van Steenhouse became the lab’s new director.

“It’s amazing what people can do,” he says. “We have taken a bunch of bright, motivated, ambitious people and given them a singular focus – almost, quite truthfully, attempting to save the world. It’s going to pull these people through and provide a skilled

workforce for the future. Once the pandemic is over, we’ll have a huge number of skilled people right around the corner.

“As somebody who runs a small business that hires these sorts of people, I’m keen that they’re learning these skills.”

Let’s hope this ill wind does indeed leave something good behind.



VIRUS TESTING: The Glasgow Lighthouse Lab operates around the clock.



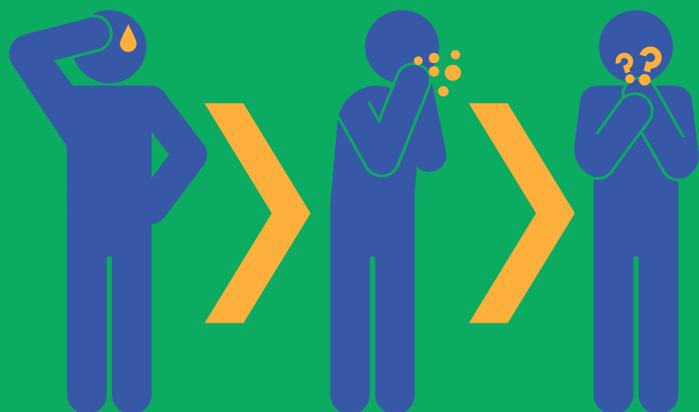
HOW IT WORKS

People get tested if they have COVID-19 symptoms or have been asked to seek a test. Their swab is delivered for analysis to the lab.

“Your swab is inside a tube, which is inside a bag, which is inside a box,” explains lab director, Harper Van Steenhouse. “The samples get processed out of their packaging.”

Individual patients can’t be identified from swabs. “All we monitor are barcodes. The scientific team only gets the tube, with the swab in it. And it’s the liquid in the tube that is the patient sample,” assured the company chief.

From there lab assistants get the RNA – the virus genetic material – from samples. The data file that comes out the end has the same barcode associated with it.



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Lockdown writers' work will be hidden throughout Argyll

Writing submitted to a lockdown short story competition, run by Kintyre's Argyll and Bute Council Community Learning Team in partnership with Found Fiction, will be left in secret spots around Argyll to be discovered.

The winners of the competition, Bethan Neil, aged 11, from Benderloch, and Julie Forrester, 64, from Dunoon, were revealed last week.

The project has been supported from the outset by bestselling crime writer Denzil Meyrick, originally from Campbeltown, and the winning stories will be featured on his publisher's website at www.polygonbooks.co.uk

Activity

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

When it is safe to do so - when there is no chance of Covid cross-contamination - all the stories that were submitted will be printed, put into envelopes and distributed in random spots throughout the area for people to find and enjoy.

Found Fiction specialises in this type of guerrilla publishing, with the aim of connecting readers and writers across the world.

Bethan Neil's short story, *The Wave Seeker*, was printed in last week's Courier. This week, we share Julie Forrester's winning entry.



Julie Forrester penned *June on the Beach*.

June on the Beach by Julie Forrester

A June evening in West Bay. That rare kind of sunset that doesn't just appear in the west but colours the clouds in every direction. The water is calm, with ripples stroking the shore.

Davie sees the beauty of his surroundings but it doesn't lift his melancholy. Living by himself during lockdown, he's felt increasingly lonely.

He walks down onto the beach and starts to pick out stones for skimming. The beach is full of them - thin grey ovals that fit comfortably in the hand, just waiting to be flicked and bounced across the waves.

He aims one stone and it skims across the water three times, as a blur of grey streaks from behind him into the water, splashes and then emerges, resolving itself into a small wet dog which triumphantly drops the stone back at Davie's feet. The dog crouches and wags its tail expectantly. It looks up at him, back to the stone and then stares at him again with so much hope that Davie cannot help but smile and toss the stone again.

The wee dog leaps into the sea after the stone. This time when it swims out, it fails to find anything, but that doesn't seem to matter - it still comes back to Davie.

Panting, with its mouth open, it looks like the dog is laughing and the impression is even stronger when the dog shakes

a surprisingly large quantity of water off its coat and all over Davie. Now a woman is running towards them both, shouting: 'June, June, come here, you naughty dog!' A little out of breath, she stops a few feet away and starts to apologise to Davie.

But how can he be annoyed when June is now lying contentedly across one of his feet as if that's how things ought to be?

He and June's owner introduce themselves. They walk back along the beach together, as June runs in ever-widening rings around them, and barks in a way that might just be self-congratulatory.

Ann says she walks her dog along West Bay every evening and will they see him again tomorrow? Suddenly, Davie's life feels less lonely.



Bethan Neil wrote *The Wave Seeker*.

Creative Scotland awards open for applications

Visual artists and craft-makers can apply for bursaries of up to £750 from a Creative Scotland project.

This year's Visual Artist and Craft Maker Awards (VACMA) offer two bursaries - the first is a £750 grant for artists and craft makers who can demonstrate a commitment to developing their creative practice; the second is a grant of £500 for new graduates/emerging artists.

VACMA funding has previously supported skills development and courses, artistic mentoring, researching a new body of work and experimenting with new materials.

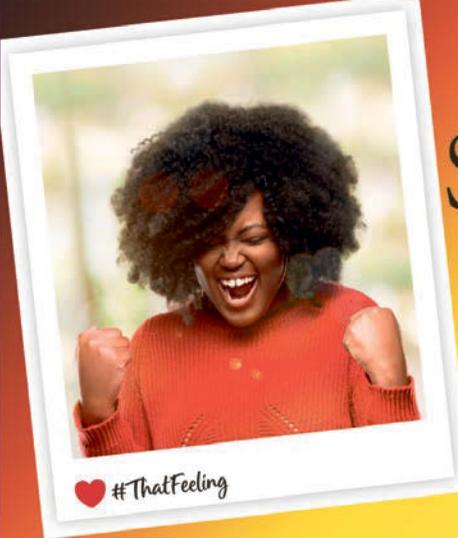
Full eligibility criteria and a list of participating partners through which applications can be made is available on the Creative Scotland website. The deadline for applications from Argyll and Bute is 5pm on Tuesday February 2 2021.

Amanda Catto, head of visual arts, Creative Scotland, said: 'These bursaries are invaluable in supporting the creative development of artists and craft makers across Scotland.'

'Thanks to National Lottery players who make these awards possible, we're working with partners to deliver the scheme across 25 local authority areas, offering grants to emerging and more established practitioners.'

A free, online information session about the awards will be held on Tuesday October 27 from 10am to 11am. It will include an overview of the scheme, followed by a discussion and questions and answers.

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Second edition of author's judicial book

The jury is considering its opinion on the second edition of a Campbeltown author's book about Scotland's system of judging.

Burnside Street-based, non-fiction author Ian Mitchell has comprehensively updated his 2014 paperback, *The Justice Factory*, with an afterword running to more than 100 pages, forming a second part to the work.

The book's gestation began in 2004 when Mr Mitchell wrote to the then Lord President, Lord Hamilton, with a request to interview serving Scottish judges.

While he was rebuffed, some judges ignored the advice and spoke at length to Mitchell which has made for a readable volume free of dry legalities.

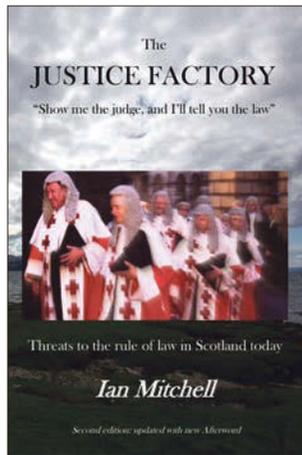
Former Supreme Court judge Lord Hope commends the book and wrote: 'We must all be grateful to Ian Mitchell for

...his controversial but very interesting book.'

Mr Mitchell's theme which runs throughout the work is from a phrase 'almost casually' expressed by one of Scotland's best known advocates, Ian Hamilton QC, who said: 'Show me the judge and I'll tell you the law'.

To set the context of judging and to introduce the reader to how judges are selected, Mr Mitchell opens with a chapter, *The Law as Guardian*, about the American Supreme Court, specifically the most important case of the last century, in any Western country, *United States v Nixon* (1974).

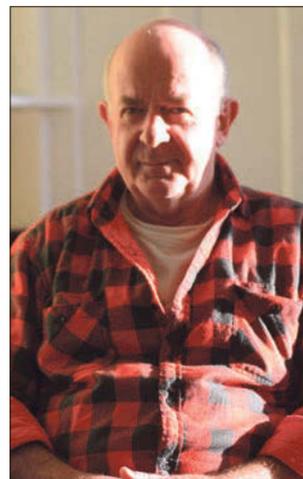
In the second chapter, *The Law as Theatre*, Mr Mitchell steps back more than 40 years and moves to the east with a fascinating insight into one of Stalin's show trials during the second decade of Communism in Russia.



The Justice Factory front cover.

It is not until page 92 that Mr Mitchell moves to home turf. He describes a neighbourly argument about a flower garden in Fladdabister, Shetland, which was heard by the Scottish Land Court in 2002.

In the same chapter is possi-



Author Ian Mitchell.

bly the most entertaining story of the entire book and one of the most famous land-related judgements in Scottish history, the *Pet Lamb* case, which began in 1885 in Kintail.

The middle chapters of part one describe conversations

with Scottish judges, some named and some anonymous. These chapters are a quick read and offer wonderful insights into the legal mind.

Part two, the afterword, is introduced by University of Dundee professor of Public Law Alan Page and is concerned with the increasing politicisation of justice within Scotland since devolution. It asks the question: 'Can the rule of law survive in 21st century Scotland?'

This section is a tougher read than part one but should be considered essential reading for law students or anyone working in Scotland's legal system.

The *Justice Factory* is a serious addition to legal literature and accessible for those who do not have specialist knowledge.

The book is only available on Amazon. There is an ebook for Kindle.

Mairi Semple charity launches online baking stall

Home-baking fans missing the delicious treats usually served at the Mairi Semple Cancer Fund's flower festival teas and coffee morning baking stalls will be relieved to hear it is now available to purchase online.

The charity's chairperson, Pauline Simson, has decided to hold an online baking and produce stall over a number of weeks to raise money for those suffering the effects of cancer locally.

The goodies on offer - which will be delivered in line with Covid guidelines, include shortbread, tablet, small apple pie, Victoria sponge with butter icing, raspberry jam, pancakes, half iced Victoria sponge - chocolate/coffee/plain, meringue shells, carrot cake with walnuts, custard creams; bran tea loaf with sultanas and mixed traybakes.

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Scottish Opera's autumn offering available online

Fans of Scottish Opera's popular Opera Highlights, which visited Campbeltown's Victoria Hall in the spring, can enjoy the autumn offering from the comfort of their own homes.

A digital version will be released on Sunday October 25, which is World Opera Day, at 6pm.

While the autumn tour usually sees the company travelling the highways and byways to many different venues in far reaching Scottish communities, this year's online Opera Highlights is a celebration of opera, music and performance in the time of social distancing.

This digital production, filmed in the theatre of The Beacon Arts Centre, Greenock, will be available to audiences across Scotland and beyond via Scottish Opera's website.

Director Rosie Purdie's colourful production of Opera Highlights looks at the current challenges facing performers in the time of Covid-19 and the strange new practices required in life and on stage.

The production imagines a time when performance can once again happen inside theatres, with four singers delighted to be performing live for the first time since lockdown, even if it means embracing the three-metre social distancing required at this time.

A determined organiser struggling to make sure everyone follows the rules, a disorganised singer and social distancing getting in the way of flourishing romances make for a fun and relevant production of this year's Opera Highlights.

Scottish Opera's head of music Derek Clark has curated

a playlist of operatic classics and must-hear rarities, with highlights including Verdi's Brindisi, Bizet's Habanera and more from Gilbert and Sullivan, Mozart and Lehár.

Pianist Susannah Wapshott is joined by Scottish Opera emerging artists soprano Catriona Hewitson, mezzo-soprano Margo Arsane, tenor Shengzhi Ren and baritone Arthur Bruce.

As well as the production being available online, audiences will be able to delve further into Opera Highlights with the digital programme, which will also be available on the Scottish Opera website.

The company hopes to tour Opera Highlights to venues across Scotland as soon as it is able to re-open to audiences, in line with Scottish Government guidelines.



Margo Arsane and Arthur Bruce in Scottish Opera's 2020 Opera Highlights.

Photograph: Colin Hattersley.

director Alex Reedijk said: 'While this year's production is taking a different form to our usual tour, I am delighted we are able to continue our much acclaimed productions of Opera Highlights in these times through this film.'

'We look forward to a time when we take this tour to venues across Scotland, hopefully soon, and that in the meantime this film will be a welcome diversion.'

This production of Opera Highlights is supported by The Friends of Scottish Opera, JTH Charitable Trust and The Scottish Opera Endowment Trust.

Opera Highlights director Rosie Purdie said: 'At this time I wanted this production of Opera Highlights to feel bright and merry, provide a few much-needed laughs, and exhibit wonderful music.'

'Four different singers come together to sing on the stage

for the first time in many months. The cast and everyone backstage have worked extremely hard against the odds, embracing the restrictions and the distancing to create a colourful show designed to make you smile.'

Scottish Opera's general

Flower club's blooming great autumnal arrangements



Campbeltown Flower Club enjoyed another blooming marvellous meeting in Kirk Street Hall.

Members brought along wreath frames with an arrangement across them which

they had made up at home and they also created autumnal arrangements at the meeting.

A spokesperson said: 'We followed Covid regulations and were very happy to see each other over our masks and

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Some of the autumnal wreaths and arrangements at Campbeltown Flower Club's recent meeting.



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Highland Cattle Society annual autumn sale

The Highland Cattle Society Autumn Sale of Pedigree Cattle took place on Monday October 12 at Oban Livestock Centre.

The market was a lot quieter than normal due to current Covid-19 restrictions, with only vendors and buyers allowed to attend. Despite the difficulties, the sale went well with most lots sold, including a run of unaltered older cows to 1400 gns. Both vendors and buyers went home happy with their day.

Sale leader at 3400gns was Nighean Ruadh of Shellachan, from Mr D Buchanan, Shenavallie and bred by Lieutenant Colonel Colin Stewart Winter.

Bred out of Proiseag 3rd of Stair by Neil Ruadh of Shenavallie, she is in calf to Geason Dubh of Shenavllie and heads to Fintry, Glasgow, to Euan MacMillan, Lurg

& Townhead Farms. Next best at 3000gns was a young heifer calve from Mrs Jon H Strickland's Cladich fold. This was Lady Jane White 3rd of Cladich, by Dochie 1st of Gartocharn, out of Lady Jane White of Cladich.

Tom Nelson's Glengorm fold from Mull reached 2700gns for the three-year-old heifer Barabel Ban Flath 22nd of Glengorm. By Craigowl 7th of Glamis Castle, out of Ailsa 1st of Glengorm, she was sold in-calf to Philip of Richmondhill, when knocked down to N & M McLellan.

AJ Ewing paid 2200gns for three-year-old heifer Hannah of Rannoch, from Donald & Malcolm MacNaughton, Kelty, Fife. Her sire is a previous reserve champion overall at Oban bull sales who was sold to Germany for £6,000. She is in calf to MacSaul of Balmoral. Demi 6th of Cladich, from

Mrs Jon H Strickland's Cladich Fold was sold for 2000gns to N & M McLellan, Port Charlotte, Isle of Islay, along with two straws of semen from K2 of Cladich, who was the male champion at the Highland Cattle Society Bull Sales in February 2020, a rare opportunity indeed.

Society president Sir Jim Paice said: 'Given that we had to abandon the usual show, the sale was well worthwhile and proves there is a good demand for good Highland cattle.'



Sale leader at 3400gns was Nighean Ruadh of Shellachan, above. Next best at 3000gns was a young heifer calve from Mrs Jon H Strickland's Cladich fold, left, Lady Jane White 3rd of Cladich. For other sale results, visit www.obantimes.co.uk

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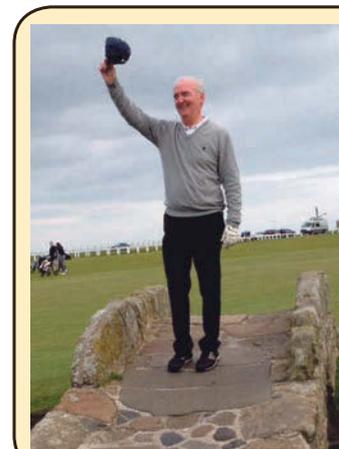
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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

I am fascinated by those amazing people who do the sign language for politicians and presenters.

Their expressions are so remarkable and certainly give a flavour of what is being said.

I would dearly love to learn this and I'm delighted to see children are learning to do signing in our schools.

Non-verbal communication is a powerful means of conveying feelings in all members of the animal kingdom. We just need to watch animals from the great majestic elephants to the tiniest ant.

Elephants have such sensitivity that they even have their own grieving ritual. When one of their own dies, the herd gather round the dead animal in a circle, gently touching the deceased with their trunks then, just as gently, cover the elephant with leaves, before standing silently and completely still for hours with great respect.

As I watch our two collies, I see the amazing communication between them. Different barks are used for different reasons and they constantly message one another without a phone or an app.

Paws are used to make requests, elicit sympathy or as a sign of affection.

Their little Westie friend has also taught them how to get a quicker response by using a sharp short scrape on the leg!

How important communication is for us all and, during this time of lockdown restrictions, we see people suffering because of the lack of social contact and communication. It is a serious issue and one which will get worse as the winter rolls in bringing the dark lonely nights. Pick up the phone and make that call. You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life.

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People will be able to hear about the latest fieldwork, which took place in September, as well as the strategic successes of the three-year project. There will be talks about the impact of beavers on local wildlife tourism, the future of Knapdale Forest and an update on the national approach to beavers.

The project began in 2017, aiming to bolster the population of beavers released during the Scottish Beaver Trial.

Twenty-one beavers were introduced from Tayside to increase numbers and genetic diversity in the Knapdale beaver population. All animals were screened by qualified vets prior to release to ensure they were healthy and disease-free.

Annual surveys show many animals released through the project have successfully established territories and bred. It is hoped the new kits will eventually form breeding pairs with beavers descended from the Norwegian beavers released during the Scottish Beaver Trial increasing the overall diversity of Argyll's beaver population and giving it the best chance for future success.

The project is led by Scottish Beavers, a partnership between the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland and the Scottish Wildlife Trust, created to continue the work of the Scottish Beaver Trial. It is taking place on land managed by Forest and Land Scotland and has been licensed by NatureScot, which is also co-ordinating monitoring requirements at the site.

To register for the event, hosted on Zoom from 6.30pm on Wednesday October 28, visit scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk or email enquiries@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk



One of the Knapdale beavers.

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Scotland's islands could lead a revolution in the way people shop with financial support being provided to eradicate wasteful packaging.

Zero Waste Scotland will distribute £600,000 in grant funding provided by the Scottish Government and European Regional Development Fund to empower shops, from Shetland to Arran and all the islands in between, to take the next steps in the war on waste by ditching single-use packaging and moving to reusable options.

Single-use grocery packaging, from tubs and trays to bottles and bags, account for around 13 per cent of all household waste across the country.

Finance from the Islands Green Recovery Plan - Refillery Fund will be provided for dispensing and other equipment that enables customers to obtain grocery products in reusable containers brought from home.

This includes dispensers for dry goods such as cereals, pulses, grains, herbs, spices, pasta and rice, liquid items such as milk, fruit juices, oils and vinegars and other products such as laundry detergents, washing up liquids, fabric softeners and liquid soaps.

Some pioneering shops have already started using package-free dispensers but the new

scheme would see cash made available to existing small and medium-sized enterprises in the isles to make the transition.

Iain Gulland, chief executive of Zero Waste Scotland, said: 'Island communities have to bear the double burden of dealing with imported single-use items then the shipping-off of waste.'

'This scheme gives shops on the islands the chance to be ahead of the game and at the forefront of a positive change. The financial help we are making available will enable outlets to make this significant positive step.'

'There is an understanding among communities about the damage done by single-use packaging as they see the effects in the countryside, beaches and seas around them.'

'As well as reducing waste, by opting for reuse we also reduce our carbon footprint by eliminating the need to extract, transport and manufacture materials to make new products.'

The scheme is part of a larger £2 million programme designed to inspire locally-led green projects as part of the recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Across Scotland, around 130kg of packaging per household generates an estimated 650,000 tonnes of global production emissions per year. Single-use grocery packaging also creates litter.

Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands Paul Wheelhouse said: 'The Islands Green Recovery Programme will stimulate new economic activity across our islands - helping to create a sustainable green economy.'

'We are aware mitigating the effects of climate change can be more expensive for those living on our islands.'

'This investment with Zero Waste Scotland is available to small and medium enterprises which wish to offer customers a packaging-free shopping experience, where they are encouraged to use their own re-useable containers to buy a range of foods and household groceries.'

Applications are open until 5pm on November 16 2020. For more information, email IGRP@zerowastescotland.org.uk or visit Zero Waste Scotland's website.

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ENGAGEMENTS

MCFADYEN

MCKERRAL - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Charles, elder son of Calum and Heather, Campbeltown to Fiona, daughter of Peter and Kate, Southend.

DEATHS

FERGUSON - Peacefully at the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital, on October 20, 2020, Robert Barbour Ferguson (Bobby) in his 89th year, Glenholm, Southend, dearly beloved husband of the late Isabel Johnston, much loved father of John, Wilma and Robert, father-in-law of Suzy, Willie and Kerry and a loving grandpa of Alasdair, Craig, Kay, Daniel, Thomas, Matthew and Jessica. Funeral Service Private in line with current government guidelines. Bobby's funeral will take place on Friday October 23. The cortege will leave Glenholm at 12 noon. We will travel to Southend Church, stopping for a brief moment, then carry on through the village on our way to Keil Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Bobby may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

McKIERNAN - Daniel. Peacefully after a short illness with his family by his side on October 13, 2020. Dan, aged 73 years, beloved husband of Lynn, much loved dad to Susie and Kerry, a dear brother-in-law to Moira and uncle to John and Lindy. He will be dearly missed by all his family and friends. A private cremation will take place. If so desired in memory of Dan, donations can be made to the Ayrshire Hospice by following the link www.ayrshirehospice.org

SMITH - Peacefully in Ardnahein Care Home, Dunoon on Thursday, October 8, 2020, Margaret Smith (née MacLachlan), much loved mother of Nigel and grandmother to Robert and Ryan. Due to current restrictions a private funeral service will be held.

TITUS - Ann, Barriskell, daughter of Angus and Bessie Barriskell, formerly of Lochgilphead, Argyll, passed away in her home of Sarasota, Florida on October 3, 2020. She was 88. She was a lifelong member of the All Saints Episcopal Church in Millington, New Jersey and a member of the St. Andrews Society. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Charles A. Titus, and is survived by her sister Margot Barriskell, her son Jeffrey A. Titus, her daughter Gillian T. Ardini and she had two grandchildren Jeffrey C. Titus and Kristen T. Zitani.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

MACARTHUR - Donnie, Caroline and Helen would like to thank relatives and friends for all their lovely messages, flowers and phone calls following the loss of Anne. We have been so touched by the kindness and support shown by everyone and all the fond memories of Anne/mum that friends have shared with us. We would also like to thank the medical staff, the dedicated Campbeltown community nursing team and all the carers

who assisted with mum's care at home. Thank you also to Elizabeth Ball for conducting a beautiful service at Clachan cemetery. We are also immensely grateful to Stan Lupton for his sensitive and professional handling of all the funeral arrangements. Thank you so much to everyone who turned out in Clachan village on the day to pay their respects and say goodbye to Anne.

McMILLAN - The McMillan family would like to thank neighbours friends and relatives for the lovely flowers, cards, baking and messages of sympathy on the passing of Granda Erch (Archie). Special thanks to doctors and nurses of both Campbeltown and Queen Elizabeth Hospitals also ambulance staff for their dedicated care of Archie over the past few years. Thanks to Rev William Crossan for a comforting and uplifting church service and sincere thanks to the many that lined the route to cemetery. Also many thanks to staff at Argyll Hotel for their sterling work at such short notice. Last but by no means least to Kenneth Blair and staff for their kindness and compassion which helped us through this difficult time.

IN MEMORIAM

COLE - Cally (née Mitchell). Remembering with love and happy memories. - Your loving family, home and away.

MACINNES - In loving memory of Margaret who passed away October 26, 2017, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Always in our thoughts - Neil, David, Alan and families at home and abroad.

McGOWN - Treasured memories of Cathie (McLean) died October 23, 2019. Beloved wife of the late John. Forever in our thoughts. Son Wallace and niece Mhairi & family

CHURCH NOTICES

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For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise Psalm 96:4
Our building is open for Sunday services and you would be welcome on Sunday, 25th October at 11am

to join with us in our praise and worship service when Rod Sharp, from North Carolina, USA will be Zooming in to deliver the message.

MASKS are now required in churches, in line with current Scottish Government Covid 19 guidelines.
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Back injury ends Bob's championship challenge

There was no happy homecoming for Oban's Bob MacIntyre at St Andrews last weekend when injury forced him to withdraw from the Scottish Championship after only one round.

Following his disappointing score of 78 on Thursday, his management company issued a statement explaining his withdrawal: 'Unfortunately Robert MacIntyre has had to withdraw from the AXA Scottish Championship due to a niggling injury to his hip/back which has been causing him discomfort for the last couple of weeks.'

'Due to current Covid restrictions, European Tour physios can only give each player 15 minutes of treatment per day, meaning Bob has had to withdraw to receive more intense treatment to enable a return to full fitness and be ready to play in the Cyprus Open at Aphrodite Resort, Paphos, from October 29 to November 1.'

The Oban star's withdrawal is a further blow to his chances of qualifying for the season ending Tour Championship in December.

With only the top 60 qualifying, he currently sits in 68th spot and only has two tournaments between now and then to make up the necessary ground.

He will be hoping the physio team works wonders to ensure he can tee it up at the end of October and set himself up for a grandstand finish to the season.

Etive trip for Loch Fyne sea anglers

Though not an official club competition due to the pandemic, a few members of Loch Fyne Sea Angling Club headed out on to Loch Etive for the first time since lockdown for a socially-distanced fishing trip.

Six members headed out on self-drive boats from Airds

Bay, two to each boat, in decent dry weather as the sun tried its best to make an occasional appearance.

Among the usual species caught - spurs, dogfish, whiting and thornback ray - the biggest of the day went to John Byrne with a nine-pound spur.



Robert MacBrayne with a good-sized spur which wasn't weighed.



Catch of the day was this nine-pound spur caught by John Byrne, but held in the photograph by Andrew Jamieson.

Incredibly close scores in Dunaverty's October medal

Dunaverty Golf Club members enjoyed a mild day with light breezes when competing in their October medal last Saturday.

Keith Crawford, playing with Alex Arkell and Danny Halliday, covered the first nine holes in an excellent 33 strokes to Danny's 40 and Alex's 41.

The back nine was a different story with Keith slipping to 38 and Alex improving to 38 with both achieving nett 66s but, with a better inward half on handicap, Alex was the clubhouse leader at this stage.

Two groups later, Ross Sinclair set about chasing the leaders by reaching the turn in 34 strokes and then posted a superb 33 on the way back to finish on 67, giving him not only the best scratch score of the day but, with his handicap of five, he turned in a nett 62 to take the win. Three strokes covered the places from second to twelfth.

Results: 1 Ross Sinclair 67-5=62; 2 Alex Arkell 79-13=66 (bih); 3 Keith Crawford 71-5=66; 4 John Docherty 75-8=67 (bih); 5 Bill Brannigan 80-13=67 (bih); 6 Robert Coffield 77-10=67 (bih).

Conservation trust launches principles for gamebird management

A leading conservation charity has launched a framework to promote best practice and sustainable game management that aims to deliver a net gain for biodiversity.

The Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT), which promotes best practice game management as a force for good for nature conservation and environmental improvement on farmland, woodland, moorland and wetland, has launched its 'Principles of Sustainable Gamebird Management'.

In recent weeks, conservation bodies have called for action after a 'lost decade' of nature conservation and concerns nature is 'in freefall'.

The GWCT's 12 principles of sustainable gamebird management outline how good game management could be part of the

solution. Dr Roger Draycott, the GWCT's director of advisory and education, said: 'Biodiversity net gain is embedded in Defra's 25 Year Environment Plan and research shows sustainable gamebird management can deliver that.'

'We hope these provide not just practical guidance for game managers and participants in game shooting, but broaden the discussion about practical land use for conservation organisations, government and the general public.'

The principles were developed with the support of the Countryside Alliance and other organisations and, vitally, the shoots and shooting community who need to follow them. Draft principles were written by the GWCT in autumn 2019, before being discussed at 19 private shoot briefings, each with an audience of approximately

30 shoots, including some large commercial enterprises. An online consultation via the GWCT website gathered more than 340 responses, with more than 90 per cent support for the principles. This groundwork was vital according to Roger Draycott, who said: 'Feedback from the meetings was very helpful. The sector needs to self-regulate effectively and, by securing support for the principles, we have confidence these will be well adopted.' The principles are based on agreed UK industry codes of practice, such as the Code of Good Shooting Practice and British Game Alliance standards, the UK legislative framework, and align with international guidelines on sustainable use of natural resources, including the Bern Convention and the International Union for Conservation of Nature.



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