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Hospital helipad to be named after paramedic



Adorable Pomeranian pumpkin

This little Pomeranian disguised as a pumpkin is trying his best to look fierce but he is nothing but adorable. Little Cosmo, who lives near Tayinloan, donned his costume ready for Hallowe'en, which is tomorrow (Saturday). To see photographs of Kintyre children in their spooky disguises, turn to pages six and seven.

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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A proposed new Campbeltown Hospital helipad, which is currently being assessed for planning permission by Argyll and Bute Council, is to be named in memory of hero paramedic Robert Black.

The installation of a purpose-built helipad at the current, water-logged landing site directly adjacent to Campbeltown Hospital, from which emergency patients are transferred by air ambulance to definitive care hospitals, could prove life-saving as it will facilitate transfers at all times of the day and night and in all weather conditions.

The Helicopter Emergency Landing Pads (HELP) Appeal has agreed to fully fund the project, from start to finish, to the value of £270,000.

Perhaps surprisingly, the helipad project was instigated by

Stuart McLellan, a man from Neilston, in East Renfrewshire, who spent many childhood holidays in Campbeltown visiting his relatives, John and Dorothy Biggins.

Like many before him, Stuart was perplexed by the lack of a helicopter landing pad for Campbeltown Hospital, particularly as the air ambulance often had difficulty landing when the field was flooded.

When this happened, the helicopter was forced to divert to Campbeltown Airport, delaying patients getting to definitive care if the airport had to open to prepare to receive the inbound air ambulance.

Stuart made tentative enquiries and held discussions with Argyll and Bute Council and NHS representatives before building an extensive business case and approaching the HELP Appeal for funding.

He said: 'I'm delighted to have been able to get this pro-

ject this far for Campbeltown; it's long overdue. I'll be even happier when I'm standing on the embankment watching the first helicopter land on the purpose-built helipad which the community has needed for quite some time.

'I'd like to thank everyone who has been involved and persevered with me to make this project happen, including the HELP Appeal, local MSPs, councillors and community councillors, SKDT, local residents, NHS Highland, Argyll and Bute Council, Civil Aviation Authority and the Scottish Ambulance Service.

'I'd also like to thank McFadyen's Contractors, FEC Heliports and McKinven and Colville Ltd for their continued support with their involvement in the construction plans for the helipad.'

Once approved, the new helipad is expected to be built

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POLICE FILES

Police are investigating after an unlocked flat on Longrow, Campbeltown, was entered and medication and tobacco stolen sometime between 6.50pm and 7.30pm on Monday October 19.

A 32-year-old man allegedly assaulted a woman and stole cash at 3.30pm on Thursday October 22 at Shore Street, Campbeltown. Police arrested and charged the man later that day.

A 32-year-old man will be the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal after police allegedly found cannabis, diazepam and other prescription drugs when they searched a flat in Longrow, Campbeltown, under warrant, at 3.30pm on Friday October 23.

Police are investigating after a man was allegedly assaulted and knocked to the ground by a woman in Burnside Street, Campbeltown, at 4am on Saturday October 24.

A woman allegedly

behaved in an abusive manner and made offensive and homophobic comments towards a man in the Co-op Store in Campbeltown at 4pm on Saturday October 24. Subsequently, a 50-year-old woman was traced and will be the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal.

A green Vauxhall Corsa car and a white Ford Fiesta car were driven at excessive speed and in an anti-social manner on the A846, in Bowmore, Islay, at 12.15am on Saturday October 24. The cars were stopped by police and the drivers – a 19-year-old woman and a 17-year-old woman – were issued with anti-social behaviour warnings.

Police are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information on the above or any incident to phone 101 or anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Back to base for food bank

Kintyre Food Bank will be returning to its original premises at Unit 3, Kintyre Industrial Estate, Albyn Road, on Tuesday November 3.

It will be open from 10.30am to 11.30am on Tuesdays and Fridays. A spokesperson said: 'We would like to take this opportunity to thank South

Kintyre Development Trust and Kintyre Community Resilience Group for allowing us to use their premises for the last six months.

'We would also like to thank all the people and organisations for their support which has allowed us to continue to help those in food poverty.'

End of an era at Courier Centre

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It will be the end of an era at the Campbeltown Courier and Krisp Print today (Friday October 30) as two members of staff, with a combined 30 years of service, officially leave the company.

A spokesman for Wyvex Media, which owns both companies, said: 'Unfortunately our businesses have been hit hard by restrictions imposed due to coronavirus and we have reluctantly decided that we need to concentrate all our efforts in securing a stable future for our newspapers and magazines, including the Campbeltown Courier.

'Sadly, this decision means two loyal, hard-working members of staff, Ailie MacBrayne and Rebecca Harvey, have been made redundant and Wyvex Media would like to place on record our thanks to each of them for everything they have contributed to the business over many years. We wish them every success in the future.'

Ailie began her career at Krisp Print 17 years ago, car-



Rebecca Harvey, left, and Ailie MacBrayne outside the Courier Centre shop. 50_c44couriercentre01

rying out administrative work at the company's Burnbank Street premises where the old print press which once printed the Courier was used.

Her job evolved into printing and, as the industry turned digital, she moved to the company's Main Street and Longrow South office in 2013.

Rebecca began working for the Courier as an advertising assistant 13 years ago and became the friendly face of the newspaper's front desk, processing all

Rebecca said: 'Redundancy came as a shock and with sadness as I have really enjoyed my time at the Courier and shop, and the buzz of working in the heart of Campbeltown.'

'I have worked with and met such a lot of people over the years, many of whom have become friends, and I will miss them all. Leaving in the current circumstances means I haven't been able to say goodbye to everyone the way I'd have liked but hopefully in the future there will be a chance to catch-up.'

Ailie added: 'I will miss all the customers I've dealt with over the years, as well as the office environment.'

Wyvex Media's spokesman added the company is in advanced discussions with a potential new owner of the Courier Centre card and gift shop – closed since the start of the pandemic – which would allow it to reopen in the near future.

Anyone wishing to submit an advert to the Courier can still do so by emailing adverts@campbeltowncourier.co.uk or telephoning 01631 568000.

'I will miss all the customers I've dealt with over the years, as well as the office environment'

incoming advertisements and announcements.

For the last seven years, in addition to their other work, Rebecca and Ailie ran the Courier Centre card and gift shop.



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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/dochascare 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

Contact numbers for the outreach/support team

Mid Argyll: 07464 308 418

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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.

Online support is also available on www.cool2talk.org.

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

Momentous plan to conquer Ben Nevis in wheelchair

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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A Kintyre man is overwhelmed by the support he has received since he announced his plans to be the first person to reach the summit of Ben Nevis in a special wheelchair.

David MacPherson junior, 44, from the Moy, who survived a life-changing car accident more than 20 years ago, plans to conquer the UK's highest mountain in a wheelchair designed by the charity JAPES: Joelette And People Experiences. JAPES aims to allow people with mobility

challenges to experience the thrill, excitement and camaraderie of taking part in mass participation running events, using its specially designed wheelchair – the Joelette – powered by a small team of volunteer runners/walkers.

The charity has helped people reach the summits of Mount Snowdon and Ben Lomond in the Joelette but not yet Ben Nevis.

David is hoping to take on the Ben Nevis challenge in June 2021 and will be joined by his dad, David senior, as well as volunteers from JAPES and Lochaber Mountain Rescue

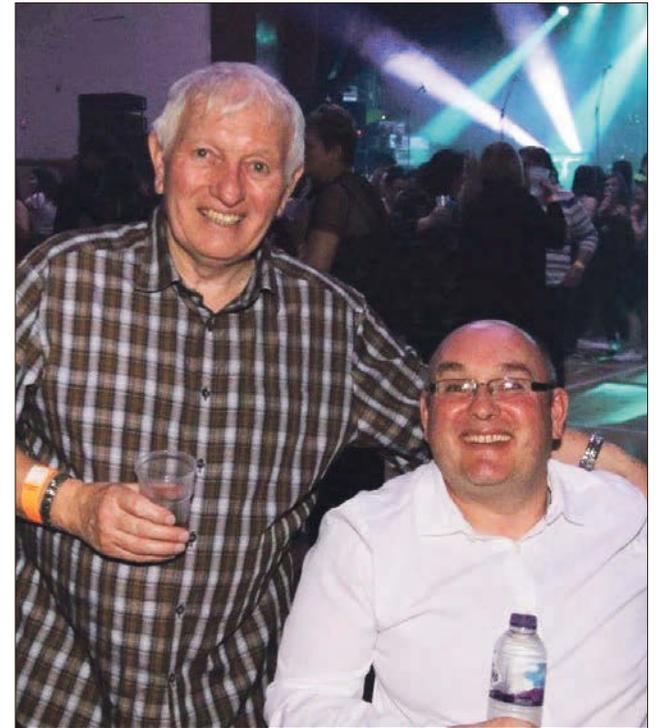
team. David and his dad plan to organise some events to raise funds as they prepare to take on this incredible feat but they are also appealing to members of the community and local businesses to sponsor them. Banners from the main sponsors will be taken on the climb and displayed at the top of Ben Nevis as well as being advertised on social media.

David junior said: 'The money raised will be given to key workers, such as hospital staff and carers, who have worked throughout these challenging and unprecedented times. I plan to give them vouchers

for a meal with their partners as a thank you for all their hard work. Some of the funds will be donated to Lochaber Mountain Rescue.'

David senior added: 'I'm incredibly proud of David. JAPES is bringing a Joelette to Campbeltown on November 7 and David is going to go up and down the Main Street to show off the wheelchair.'

A bank account has been set up to allow people to donate money directly to the challenge. The account name is 'Ben Nevis Challenge', the sort code is 82-61-20 and the account number is 40025200.



David MacPherson junior, right, with his father, David senior, who will join him on the Ben Nevis challenge.

Hospital helipad to be named after paramedic Robert

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on the site between January and March 2021.

South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) has agreed to take on a licence to operate the helipad on land currently owned by the council, and will take responsibility for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the site on behalf of the community.

Eric Spence, SKDT manager, said he 'jumped at the opportunity' as this facility had been

recognised as a priority for the local community for 'at least the last decade'.

He added: 'My own interest in the helipad was first piqued a year or so ago when my good friend and local paramedic, Robert Black, asked me to see if SKDT could do anything about the helicopter landing site.'

'He described the shambles of an ambulance driving through water and mud to transfer an emergency patient

to the helicopter before calling a local recovery firm to come and drag the ambulance back out of the mud.'

Sadly, Robert died in early May after a battle with Covid-19 and was unable to see this project realised.

Tribute

Eric added: 'After speaking to my board of directors, we believe that a fitting tribute to Robert would be to name the facility The Robert Black Memorial Helipad.'

'SKDT will undertake a funding drive to cover the cost of installing a plaque, having a launch ceremony and undertaking any ongoing maintenance required.'

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'It is excellent news that this much-needed facility is progressing.'

'I know from personal experience how vital this service is to the local people and, on behalf of the wider community, I would like to

thank everyone involved who has contributed to this project, especially Stuart for his drive and determination, which has helped make the Campbeltown helipad become a reality.'

Councillor John Armour added: 'I have been happy to support this project since day one and liaise with council officers on Stuart's behalf to get an agreement in place to use the field for the helipad, as well as sorting whatever issues cropped up.'

'It has taken longer than any of us hoped to get to the stage we are at now and it is all thanks to Stuart's persistence that we are nearly there. The work and time he has put into this is phenomenal and, personally, I am delighted for him that his perseverance has been rewarded.'

'In years to come when Campbeltown has its own purpose-built helipad, it should never be forgotten what Stuart has done for our community.'



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Views sought on Carradale land plan

Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) is inviting people in and around East Kintyre to take part in the development of the Carradale Land Management Plan.

The plan comprises four forest areas - Deer Hill, Deucheran, Grogport and High Clachaig, a total of 6,700 hectares - that cross a variety of different habitats, from conifer forest to native broadleaf areas and peat bogs sustaining a rich

biodiversity. There are also several recreational interests within the plan area, including facilities from Carradale up to the Deer Hill viewpoint.

Donald McNeill, FLS planning manager for the local team in West Region, said: 'Forest management is a long-term business so the draft plan looks at the next 20 years and how we can get the most out of these forests, how we will protect forest sustain-

ability and diversity and how we will ensure these forests continue to be an asset to local communities.

'We first consulted on this in April 2018 and the draft plan takes into account all the views we received then.

'However, there is a lot to consider and to plan for so this consultation on the draft plan will allow us to help explain issues and opportunities and will let members of the public

give us constructive comments that will help finalise the plan.

'Given the current public health crisis, we are unfortunately unable to hold public meetings or events so have put everything online for people to view and feedback on at their leisure. However, anyone who for any reason is unable to take part in an online consultation, can see a display of printed copies of the main parts of the plan - and get printed feedback

forms - at Carradale Village Hall car park. Anyone taking this option must observe physical distancing and all current Covid-19 advice.'

The local FLS team also hopes to meet with representatives of East Kintyre Community Council online.

The draft plan looks at getting the best use out of these forests, whether it's in terms of timber production, as reserves for habitats and key species or

as a recreational resource for local communities.

FLS also considers how best to protect these forests from future threats such as pests, diseases and the climate emergency, outlines plans for peatland restoration and looks at how these forests can further contribute to renewable energy generation.

The online consultation will remain open until November 30.

Councillor Colville is the new leader of area committee



South Kintyre Councillor Rory Colville is the new leader of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee.

He replaces the council's new leader, Kintyre and the Islands Councillor Robin Currie, as part of a raft of changes made by Argyll and Bute Council.

Councillor Colville also becomes chairman of the Argyll and Bute Harbour Board and

Councillor Rory Colville.

a member of the environment, development and infrastructure committee.

As a result of his new posts, Councillor Colville will be replaced on the community services committee by Kintyre and the Islands Councillor Alastair Redman.

Councillor Currie has been replaced on the planning, protective services and licensing committee and on the Argyll and Bute Licensing Board by Oban North and Lorn Councillor Kieron Green.

The new appointments were made by Argyll and Bute Council at its full meeting, held via Skype, on Thursday October 22.

Some of those came as a result of the sad passing of Helensburgh and Lomond South Councillor Ellen Morton earlier in October.

As well as Councillor Colville replacing Councillor Morton on the environment, development and infrastructure committee, Oban South and the Isles Councillor Mary

Jean Devon joins the policy and resources committee.

Lomond North Councillor Iain S Paterson, will take up the vacant position on the board of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority.

Another Lomond North Councillor, Barbara Morgan, is the new chairwoman of Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee, having previously been vice chairwoman, a post inherited by Helensburgh Central

Councillor Graham Hardie. Councillor Currie proposed most of the new appointments, which were seconded by his deputy, Helensburgh Central Councillor Gary Mulvaney, and unanimously agreed.

Councillor Paterson's appointment to the National Park board was proposed by opposition leader, Mid Argyll Councillor Sandy Taylor, at Councillor Currie's invitation to him to choose. The council also agreed that appointment unanimously.

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Fresh new look for KRL furniture reuse shop

Kintyre Recycling Limited's (KRL) furniture reuse shop on Longrow is sporting a fresh new look after undergoing a makeover in recent weeks.

The KRL team has thanked James Lafferty from Campbeltown's Shopfront Improvement Scheme for his support and all the workmen who assisted with the shop's makeover, in particular: Mark Pickering, Kintyre Painting and Decorating; Euan Miller for the joinery work and Gordon Bennie, Argyll Signs.

The new-look shop has been open for three months and all staff and volunteers have undergone Covid-19 safety training. Safety measures have also been put in place at the shop. All donated furniture is quarantined for three days and then thoroughly washed and disinfected before it is offered for sale in the shop. A KRL spokesperson



The staff and volunteers who keep the furniture reuse shop running.

said: 'The staff and volunteers have been really supportive and many thanks for all their hard work. We would like to thank everyone who has donated furniture and bric-a-brac items since we re-opened.'

'We have received some amazing items and are very grateful. We have new stock in all the time and bargains galore. Come and have a look at our spooky Hallowe'en window display. Thank you for supporting your local social enterprise.'

All income from sales is

reinvested into the social enterprise which allows KRL to employ 20 people - 12 with barriers to working; provide volunteering and employability placements; contribute £400,000 to the local economy each year and divert 700 tonnes of materials from landfill annually.

For more information, contact Lorraine McCallum by emailing lorraine.kintyrecycling@gmail.com or by phoning 01586 551511 or visit the Kintyre Recycling Furniture Project Facebook page.

Wheelie good news from Kintyre Recycling

A bike reuse project run by Kintyre Recycling Limited (KRL) is back on track.

The project, offering bike servicing and sales of reused bikes, has been re-established at the container in KRL's yard at Glebe Street.

A spokesperson said: 'We are happy to accept donations of old bikes - as long as they are not rust buckets - to be repaired and re-used. We are also a participating cycle repair centre for the Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme, which is primarily aimed at people who can't easily afford cycle repairs at the moment. We want to encourage these people to access the scheme.'

The scheme offers £50 per individual. Only the following types of repairs are valid: repairing or replacing tyres, tubes, wheels and related components; adjusting, repairing

or replacing braking system components; adjusting, repairing or replacing transmission system components or repairing or replacing other essential components which prevent safe use of the cycle, for example, deteriorated grips or saddle.

For further information, contact James McNair, KRL's new fully qualified bike project co-ordinator by emailing krbikeproject@gmail.com or calling 07557 344515.

The spokesperson added: 'Wherever possible, please book a time to bring your bike to our premises in order to follow safety measures during Covid-19. Thanks for your co-operation.'

For more on the bike project, including videos of James in action, visit the [@krbikeproject](https://www.facebook.com/krbikeproject) Facebook page.

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Hallowe'en spirit is strong despite g

Although most Hallowe'en parties have been cancelled and restrictions on guising are in place this year, there are still plenty of ghoulish goings on in and around Campbeltown.

Some Courier readers have shared photographs of their little ones in their costumes ahead of Hallowe'en tomorrow, Saturday October 31.

Visit the Courier's website at www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk to see all the photographs shared with us.



William John Livingstone, aged two, from Campbeltown, will be Marshall from Paw Patrol.



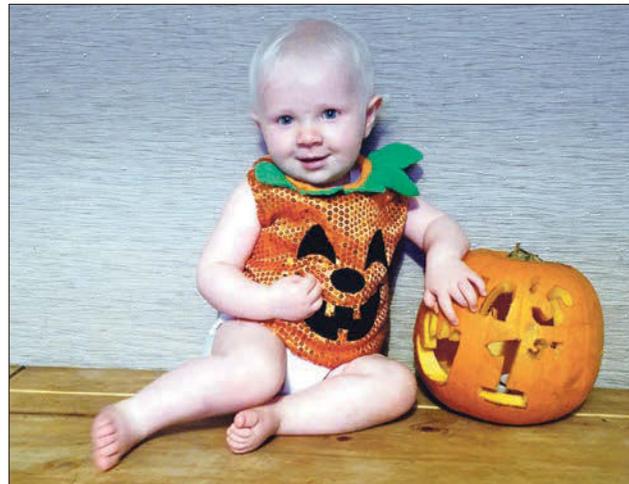
Eva Grumoli, 18 months old, from Campbeltown, dressed as a ladybird.



Lacey McKenzie, aged four, from Campbeltown, will be 'a wee granny' this Hallowe'en.



Jack White, aged 10 months, from Drumlemble, as a jack in the box.



Janna Brown, aged 10 months, from Campbeltown, will celebrate her first Hallowe'en by dressing up in her mermaid outfit.

Tractor-mad Arran Morris, aged one, dressed up as a farmer.



Cate McMillan, aged three, is dressing up as Gekko from PJ Masks, one of her favourite cartoons.



Arlo Brown, aged one, from Campbeltown, as a vampire.

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UFO update - many theories about origin of 'strange' lights

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Thomas Millar, who turns five today (Friday), from Campbeltown, as Black Panther.



Zachary Hall, aged four, from Campbeltown, as a skeleton.



Ava MacBrayne, aged three, from Campbeltown, is dressing up as a ladybird.



Rhya Blair, aged nine months, from Campbeltown, will celebrate her first Halloween dressed up as Snow White.

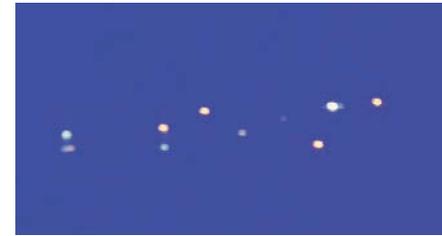
by Hannah O'Hanlon
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The unidentified flying object (UFO) featured in last week's Courier and shared on our Facebook page has caused a stir, with many suggestions as to what the lights in the photograph could have been.

Some people, including a couple from Campbeltown, claim to have seen similar 'strange' lights over Kintyre, some recently and some a decade ago. The Campbeltown couple, who wished to remain anonymous, sent in photographs of the lights they spotted in the sky while standing on a Kinloch Green path, facing south west, at 1.40am on November 25 2018, which look similar to those spotted from Southend just a few weeks ago.

They said: 'We saw motionless lights in the distance, in the direction of Drumlembie and Machrihanish. We watched for about five minutes until cloud obscured them.'

This second sighting doesn't help to explain the origin of



The similar lights spotted from Campbeltown in 2018.

the lights, but many people have their own theory.

While many believe there is a perfectly reasonable explanation - Elon Musk's Starlink satellites, for example - some believe they could, in fact, be of extraterrestrial origin.

While the Starlink satellite theory seems plausible, some of the sightings took place before the billionaire businessman's SpaceX aerospace company launched its satellite internet constellation.

One person quipped that perhaps it was an 'experimental aircraft' flying out of the 'secret airbase' at Macrahanish, while another suggested Santa on a pre-Christmas test-flight!

A Southend resident, however, provided perhaps the most logical explanation for

the most recent sighting. The woman, who also wished to remain anonymous, believes the lights came from a film set 'very, very brightly lit' in Northern Ireland, which she admits did look 'suspicious' in the dark.

She said her home looks across to the Antrim coast, roughly in line with the Torr Head area, which is where scenes for an upcoming film, The Northman, were being recorded. 'I noticed there was a building of some kind I had never seen before, which turns out to be the movie set,' she explained. 'Some nights the lights came on later than others, sometimes it was 11pm before they came on, but it was really bright. This went on from October 11 to 15.'

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SPACE

Debt of thanks to Stuart McLellan

The Kintyre community owes a huge debt of thanks to Stuart McLellan for instigating the Campbeltown helipad project and securing the more than a quarter of a million pounds of funding required.

We can only imagine the amount of time and effort which has gone into the initial planning, liaising with the relevant organisations and putting together a comprehensive business case.

To do something like this for your own community would be incredible, but to do it for a community more than 130 miles away from where you live, even though you have family connections, is outstanding.

While the project is still awaiting official planning permission, it looks likely to go ahead and could be under way as early as the beginning of next year.

More than ever before, people appreciate their health and all those who help us look after it, from carers and medical staff here and at hospitals further afield, to all those who risk their lives to transport us between the two, whether that's by air or road.

It is fitting this potentially life-saving facility is to be named in memory of Robert Black, who died after caring for others.

The helipad news is the kind we love to share with Courier readers.

It gives us something positive to look forward to as we end this year and enter a new one, and we cannot thank Stuart enough for his efforts in bringing the project to fruition.

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SNP's obsession with being different from UK

Scotland's First Minister and her separatist administration are obsessed with being different from the United Kingdom government.

They renamed 'social distancing' 'physical distancing' then 'test and trace' became 'test and protect'. Now we Scots are to come under a five-tier, rather than three-tier, system of lockdown.

No matter how it is spun, for too many, this amounts to being a financially ruinous form of Lingchi – the slow slicing of a thousand cuts.

All the while, in the background of this virus sweeping the British Isles, we learn that a special advisor to Nicola Sturgeon has been agonising over the labelling by Marks & Spencer of Aberdeen Angus as British beef with a Union Jack and not a Saltire sticker! What label would the SNP put on Scotland's fish?

Is this not all a little too excessive and obsessive in a time of national crisis?

Tommy Macpherson, Saddell.

Salmon research a cynical public relations gesture

No one should be fooled by Mowi's participation or 'investment' in wild salmon research as reported in your October 16 edition – 'Salmon genetics study launched after Carradale escape'.

This is simply a cynical public relations gesture, designed to gloss over Mowi's serial failings when it comes to retaining its own fish – of Norwegian origin – within their pens.

Mowi has a dismal record on escapes, the Carradale episode being its second major failing this year. The company is on recent record as recognising that escapes are inevitable and viewed as just another business expense.

In a revealing broadcast interview after the Carradale escape, Ian Roberts, a director at Mowi Scotland, undermined the company's chief operating officer's commitment 'to prevent it from occurring again' by admitting '...moving into locations that are very high in energy and difficult to farm, unfortunately, we have these incidents... it has happened before and it will happen in the future again...'

All is far from well at the Carradale farm.

There are informed local reports of great numbers of mortalities being removed from the farm since the escape.

In the circumstances, it is unpalatable to note Mowi is proceeding with a planning application for yet another mega salmon farm a few miles to the north. If approved, it will represent yet another major threat to the environmental integrity of Kilbrannan Sound.

One can but hope Argyll and Bute Council will have the courage and good sense to refuse it.

Andrew Graham-Stewart, director of Salmon and Trout Conservation Scotland.

Attitudes towards campervans

I am finding people's attitudes towards campervans and similar vehicles have changed, probably due to the concerns understandably surrounding Covid.

On my regular trips to shops or volunteering, I am finding that when I wave to passing cars it depends on what I am driving as to what reaction I get.

If I am in one of my older, distinctive cars they usually wave cheerily back, if I am driving our old 1971 Volkswagen camper it brings mixed reactions, but if driving our new 'all singing and dancing, can even stand up' camper we get looks of horror. I decided to drive the old camper when I was a volunteer driver at the hospital just to try and normalise people seeing me tooting around but things are still the same.

Can I ask people not to be so quick to judge when you see a camper as some of us live locally? We are fully following Covid guidance and we often use our camper locally as it is a clean Covid-free toilet on wheels, apart from the fact any vehicle needs to be driven.

If a campervan driver waves to you on the Southend road, feel free to wave back.

Andrew Rathey, Southend.

Short and cheap option for Rest and Be Thankful

The Rest and Be Thankful is better known to the people of Argyll as the 'Dripping Roast' mean-

ing good money after bad and going nowhere. I have studied all the different proposals, many of which could no doubt work at great cost, though I feel my proposal would be the shortest and the cheapest option.

Why not enter the A83 to the Old Military Road (lower) and keep down to the bottom of the valley and erect a steel structure on pillars, high enough for a rock slide - which, in my life, has never been seen as far down as the burn - to go underneath. Any cattle grazing would be protected in the shelter of pilings from a landslide and sheltered from the structure.

A viaduct or similar construction that joins the A83 around about the Lochgoilhead road in a graduated manner is within the capabilities of graders and other equipment to reduce the angle of the slope at the upper end of the road.

I do recall they once landed a man on the moon so surely this simple and effective solution is possible.

Bobby Martin, Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, formerly of Martin Maintenance, HGV repairs and heavy vehicle recovery.

Safeguard our food by signing petition

There is a saying we are what we eat. In the world of computer science there is an acronym GIGO – short for garbage in, garbage out – and common sense will tell us we should all eat good quality and healthy food for our well-being.

Therefore we should all be supporting our farming community by signing the National Farming Union (NFU) food standards petition to support the farming and food quality we currently enjoy in this country.

The UK Government has the opportunity right now to put into law rules that prevent food being imported to the UK which is produced in ways that would be illegal here. For your sake and that of future generations, please sign the NFU food standards petition at www.campaigns.nfuonline.com and ask the UK Government to ensure all food imports are produced to the same high standards as British farmers. So far more than a million people have signed, but the population of Northern Ireland is 1.8 million, Wales 3.1 million, Scotland 5.4 million and England 54

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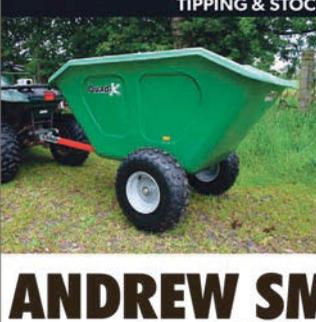
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million, so come on folks as every signature counts – one million signatures implies a worrying level of apathy. Surely, dear reader, you care. No doubt your children do.

Dave Haskell, Cardigan.

Pet thieves should be properly punished

Following the debate in parliament on Monday October 19, Blue Cross is incredibly disappointed the government has not committed to change current legislation to make pet theft a crime in its own right.

We feel this is a huge missed opportunity to protect the lives of pets and reassure their owners pet theft is considered a serious crime.

Pets are not simply 'property'. They are sentient beings and much-loved family members. Our Pet Bereavement Support Service has been supporting owners for more than 25 years and we know only too well the devastation, stress and anxiety caused by the theft of a beloved pet which deserves to be recognised and thieves punished accordingly. We are, however, encouraged that the government has stated its willingness to engage in further discussion on the sentencing guidelines and we look forward to being fully involved.

Becky Thwaites, head of public affairs, Blue Cross.

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PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's photograph, taken on the beach at Point Sands Holiday Park at sunrise on Friday October 2, was sent in by Rhona Stewart.

Rhona, who lives in Lenzie, six miles north of Glasgow, said: 'I'm no photographer, but that morning was spectacular with Ireland

and Rathlin Island so clearly visible. I have been holidaying there for 49 years and it's still my best chill-out place in the world.'

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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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 was printed and published just a couple of weeks before the former toy-shop proprietor died on August 11, aged 95.

This week, we conclude the series by sharing the booklet's final chapter, entitled Nicknames.

Nicknames

Unlike today, people living in the Wee Toon knew everybody else - many of them by their nickname. Some of these names have an obvious derivation, such as the three brothers from Bolgam Street - 'Hopeless', 'Useless' and 'Helpless'. One name was 'Whispering Grass' and I have often wondered where that came from...or 'Katie Biscuit Hips' or 'Mary the Blister'.

I remember when I was in the Wee Grammar Primary School, a cart load of coal,

pulled by a Clydesdale horse, arrived in the playground. The contents were then dumped in a corner ready to be taken to the boiler room. This task was carried out by Katie Biscuit Hips with the use of a shovel and wheel-barrow.

She was accompanied by her partner, 'Dougie the Far--' (a windy man). He didn't lift a finger to help her, but he did provide 'Music While You Work' by playing on his mouth-organ while Katie shovelled coal and pushed her wheel-barrow. I don't know if she appreciated the music.

There was an old man in the town called James Hall, but he was always referred to as 'Auld Jamie Ha, nae soap at a'.

'Eppie Susie' was a nice lady, originally from Glasgow, but one of her daughters married a local fisherman, Mr Robertson, and they have lots

of descendants in the town today. Every summer the fair came to Kinloch Park and Susie was there too with her barrow loaded with all types of fruit. Susie was always very popular.

'Juba' and his wife, Mary the Blister, had a small room and kitchen in Burnside Street. A few young fishermen, with time on their hands and tins of black paint available, came along one night and thought it was funny to apply the paint to their windows. It was said that Juba and Mary slept for three days and nights. Not really funny at all!

Undesirable alien

Another eccentric character was Davy Foister. I think his name was actually Foster, but he liked to pronounce it his own way. He had gone to the USA on one occasion, hoping to marry a rancher's daughter from the 'Black Hills of Kadota' - his words! But on his arrival, entry was refused on the grounds he was an undesirable alien. Not surprising! Davy must have had a great

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desire to be a cowboy and he carried - in his vivid imagination - two pistols in their imaginary holsters. Someone would shout: 'Go for your guns, Davy' and he would immediately 'draw' and 'fire'.

He lived in Park Square and was known to answer a knock at the door by getting on his bike in his sitting room and cycling down the lobby to open his door. I said he was eccentric, but I don't think that word really covers Davy!

'Purba' was the name given to Archie Mustarde, our best known football referee. He was a small man but a strict disciplinarian not afraid to stand up to narky players who might be twice his size.

When awarding something like a penalty, he made very dramatic signals, bending down and pointing with an out-stretched arm.

'Sailor Jack' was actually a woman but looked and dressed like a man. I think she generally worked at the Old Quay, but she was around before my time.

Another character was Geordie Muir, a simple soul who probably never had much education. He was making a small purchase in my shop one day and complained that the government had cut back his money. Then he made a threat which must have had everyone in Whitehall worried! 'Weel if there's another war, they needna think I'm gonnie fight for em.' Geordie would be in his 60s at that time.

His favourite expression was: 'Yer better oot!' Perhaps that's why he spent hours wandering the streets of Campbeltown.

We were lucky in having the Picture House or, as we knew it 'The Wee Pictures', founded in May 1913 and later the Rex Cinema which opened in July 1939. I can remember seeing some silent films, but not their titles, where the late Ritchie Greig provided music on his piano which was situated at the front of the screen.

When I was about seven, I saw and heard my first talking picture which was called Trader Horn. It was about Africa and

I was thrilled to see all the wild animals. I don't remember the plot - just the title.

Another Wee Pictures memory is when my mother and auntie were going to see Greta Garbo in *Anna Karenina* and I nagged my way into going with them. I must have been about ten and had no idea I was going to see a classic period drama - very boring for a boy of my age!

Amused

At the end of the film, *Anna Karenina* jumped in front of a moving train and apparently I amused the other patrons by saying in a loud whisper: 'It's a pity she didn't do that at the beginning of the film.'

That experience didn't put me off going to the pictures and the following Saturday, I was back at the matinee watching my favourite cowboy, Hopalong Cassidy.

The famous Sir Harry Lauder once appeared in a sell-out concert in Campbeltown. I remember my elderly uncle admitting to me much later that he was one of a number of young men who risked life and

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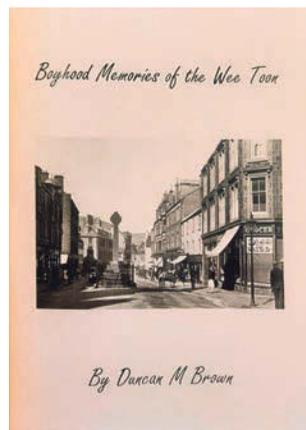
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Boyhood Memories of the Wee Toon by Duncan Brown.

Some of the best known fishermen at that time were the Meenans, Robertsons, Martins, Durnins, McDonalds, Conleys, Gillieses, Finns, Warehams and Langs.

Robert Robertson, known as the 'Hoodie' - from a film shown at the Picture House of the 'Hooded Terror' - owned four boats. They were called the Kittiwake, the Kestrel, the Kingbird and the Kingfisher. Lots of other boats were named after birds, such as the Falcon and the Frigate Bird.

In the early '30s, no one gave a thought to conservation of fish, sad to say, and huge amounts of herring were landed here. Because of this, experienced squads of woman gutters and packers were brought from the east coast to gut the herring, cure them with salt and pack them in barrels.

Fascinating watch

They worked at long tables at the Old Quay and alongside the inner harbour at Hall Street. It was fascinating watching these very skilled women working at high speed. A number of them married local men and their descendants still live here.

I remember seeing a large Russian factory ship moored in the loch. It came here because of the fishing boom. After purchasing the herring, it was taken aboard the ship and processed there. For some reason, these ships were called Klondykers. Someone said it was because the influx of those herring was like the gold rush in the USA.

With hindsight, we now realise the need for conservation but, unfortunately, not all countries think this way.

I heard recently that since the Chinese have over-fished their own waters, they are looking to the Caribbean to exploit the stocks of other countries. According to Simon Reeve, a BBC travel journalist, the same thing is happening around the coast of Africa.

More voices need to be heard about sustainable fishing. If we vacuum up all the oceans now, there will be no fish for generations to come. Perhaps we need to listen more closely to Sir David Attenborough, who has been warning us for years about conservation. I feel optimistic there are more listeners than deniers - I hope so anyway.

Campbeltown has and always will have a special place in my heart. I consider it a privilege to have grown up and lived in what is affectionately known as the 'Wee Toon'.

limb by climbing onto the roof of the Victoria Hall to hear and see Sir Harry perform. So they were daft in those days too!

Many teachers in the grammar school had nicknames, such as Auld Nicky, Bushems, Captain Bligh, Kubla Khan, Teefy, Wee Lizzie, Wee Mickey, Moonman, Big Tam and Woody.

Mr Gemmell taught in the Milknowe School and was known as Bunkum. His pupils used to recite: 'Bunkum is a holy man, he goes to church on Sunday. He prays to God to give him strength to beat the boys on Monday.'

Our art teacher was Miss Smith, known by everyone as Wee Dolly. She had an unusual way of dealing with any boy guilty of a misdemeanour; he was ordered to go down to the rector's office, not to enter but to stand on his door-mat.

If Mr Downie, the rector, came out for any reason and learned Miss Smith had sent the boy there, he would take him into the office and give him the strap. But if the bell rang for a change of period, the boy was free to leave unpunished. That was justice for you!

For many years, fishing played a big part in the employment of local men. At times in the '30s, fishing was very good and most of the owners managed to buy modern boats. Of course there were times when it was not so good - in what was known as 'Slack'.

Fairy Queen

I remember one of the old skiffs - an old type of boat with no wheelhouse - which was still working here. It was called the Fairy Queen and was owned by old Mr McNeill.

The modern fleet consisted, I think, of about 66 boats and most of the fishing was done in the Kilbrannan Sound and Loch Fyne, but they would go further afield to the north, the Minches, and in the summer to the Isle of Man.

For more information, read the books by Angus Martin and Freddie Gillies. Both have a wide knowledge on the subject. Most of the skippers operated a 'share' system of paying their crews and a lot of them used to meet in the Royal Café to receive their 'dividends'.

Any information about Park Square?

A man from Surrey is hoping Courier readers can help him in his quest for information about the area of Campbeltown in which his mother grew up, as well as the woman who raised her.

Gary Dunford's mother, Margaret Muir, was born at 22 Park Square in 1934 and was raised by Katie Macdougall.

'My mother lived with Katie

at 22 Park Square and always spoke very fondly of her,' Gary explained. 'My mother's mother was called Catherine Muir but we do not know where she lived. We would love to have some information on who Granny Macdougall was and why my mother lived with her.'

'We recently visited Campbeltown to try and find out about Park Square and its

community but are finding it difficult so we would be grateful for any information, about the area or Katie.'

Contact Gary by emailing jo.dun@icloud.com

Katie Macdougall and Jamesina Douglas, née Macdougall, known as Ina, with a child believed to be Ina's daughter.



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Remember, remember... the impact of fireworks

With Bonfire Night approaching and many events cancelled, if you are planning a private fireworks display at home this year, it's important that you know how to keep you and your family safe. Make sure you know the risks, alongside the fun and enjoyment:

1. Check the latest Scottish Government guidance on meeting up with other households outdoors on gov.scot/friendsandfamily
2. Ensure you know what fireworks are suitable for private use, dependent on the size of your garden - visit firescotland.gov.uk
3. Always follow the fireworks code and read fireworks instructions before use

Whilst fireworks are spectacular, they can raise background noise levels by up to 120 decibels, affecting the wellbeing of those with noise sensitivity. The loud bangs, lights and strong smells of fireworks can be challenging for autistic people and pet owners know only too well the distress it can cause to animals.

More often than not, it's children rather than adults who are injured by fireworks.

During the bonfire season last year, 85% of all firework injuries treated at emergency departments happened at informal private displays. Over half of those requiring treatment were children.

Deputy Assistant Chief Officer Alasdair Perry, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's Head of Prevention and Protection, said:

"First and foremost we would urge all of our communities to follow the advice and guidelines around social distancing to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

"We know this means that people may consider hosting their own events this year but we would urge caution around doing so because every year people are injured by fireworks and admitted to hospital - and children are particularly at risk.

"We are therefore strongly encouraging anyone who does wish to host a private event to reduce the risk by ensuring to familiarise themselves with our firework code and fire safety guidance. Do not take risks because the consequences can be devastating."

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Much anticipated memoir on Wee Toon shelves

The much-anticipated memoir of former Campbeltown detective Simon McLean is finally available to buy, in the Old Bookshelf in Kirk Street, Campbeltown, and on Amazon.

Many from Argyll couldn't wait for the launch and pre-ordered their signed copies long ago, with the initial response overwhelmingly positive. So much so that Simon held a special, physically-distanced signing session in the Argyll Arms Hotel on Main Street on Wednesday October 14, chatting to a steady stream of people looking for a signature or to buy the book.

Whilst the book is fun and engaging, there are some serious issues raised, such as Simon's thoughts on the so-called 'war on drugs' that he helped wage across Scotland for many years, as a detective and as an undercover officer.

The effect on the mental health of members of the



Mary Wareham attended the book signing and received a copy of Simon McLean's book.

Photograph: Kenny Craig.

emergency services is also a topic handled head-on.

Such is the interest in the book and the subjects raised that Simon appeared on a global Shaun Attwood True Crime YouTube session which has attracted more than 15,000 watchers so far. He also featured on the Scottish tea time news last week.

Simon also revealed exclusively to the Courier that he has been invited to speak at the The Future of Policing Conference in November.

Serious debate

He told the Courier: 'It's great the book is causing some serious debate and also giving some folk a good laugh and some fond memories. Getting

back in touch with very old friends and colleagues has been the best part of this process.

'I'd like to thank Kenny Craig and everyone who popped into the Argyll last week.

'Hopefully in the not too distant future we can have a proper night together to share old stories.'

'The most popular shop in Campbeltown'

This week saw the conclusion of our serialisation of the late Duncan Brown's booklet, *Boyhood Memories of the Wee Toon*.

Duncan's memories have provided many people with a unique insight into life in Campbeltown in the 1930s, but it was his own toy shop which provided many with their best childhood memories.

Among those is Mary Milloy who submitted this poem she penned about Duncan and his famous toy shop to the Courier.

Toy shop

*The most popular shop in Campbeltown
Was owned by Mr Duncan Brown.
Stacked with toys both large and small,
Books and games from wall to wall.*

*Helping children choose a toy,
He had patience for each girl or boy,
Even when they took a while,
He always seemed to have a smile.*

*Christmas is magical, it's true
But it can be expensive too.
If paying for toys parents found it hard,
A blessing was the wee club card.*

*Modern folk now shop online,
But for me, the old way was just fine.
Shops like his are hard to find.
It really was one of a kind.*

Mary Milloy.

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Young people encouraged to learn about tree health

The public body responsible for forestry regulation and policy in Scotland has produced a series of user-friendly factsheets for younger people to raise awareness of some of the pests and diseases affecting or threatening the country's forests.

The move by Scottish Forestry is part of the International Year of Plant Health 2020, a global initiative to celebrate the benefits of healthy plants, including showing how protecting our forests and woodlands can contribute to a better environment.

The online factsheets cover eight pests and diseases that are either already affecting trees in Scotland or that Scottish Forestry is trying to prevent from arriving here.

They include the great spruce bark beetle, the large pine weevil and the pine tree lappet moth, as well as tree diseases

like ash dieback and ramorum disease of larch trees which affected the forest at Beinn Ghuillean in Campbeltown this year.

Clari Burrell, tree health policy officer with Scottish Forestry, said: 'Scotland's forests and woodlands are a fantastic natural resource. They are great places to go for a walk or cycle, or just get away from it all in the countryside. They provide a habitat for wildlife and support thousands of jobs.'

'We need to ensure we keep all these positive benefits and protect our forests from a number of tree pests and diseases that are present in Scotland or may arrive here in the future.'

'During International Year of Plant Health 2020, we are raising awareness of some of the pests and diseases affecting or threatening our forests and woodlands.'



Don't
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The Keep It Clean campaign encourages visitors to clean their shoes, bikes and other equipment before they visit a woodland.

'With climate change and the environment being a hot topic for school pupils, these new free factsheets can be used as a learning resource so that young people are more aware of this often unseen threat to our forests and woodlands.'

The public can play an

important role in protecting Scotland's forests and woodlands from tree pests and diseases. Through the Keep It Clean campaign, Scottish Forestry encourages visitors to clean their shoes, bikes and other equipment before they visit a woodland. Clari added:



A pine tree lappet moth caterpillar snacking on a pine needle. Photograph: Forest Research.

'Just take a moment to brush off any visible dirt and give footwear, tyres and kit a quick wash before visiting a forest or woodland. This helps slow disease spread, preserving our woodlands now and for future generations.'

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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday October 29, 2010

Skykon hits cash crisis

Kintyre is holding its breath and waiting to see if Skykon's Danish parent company can raise more capital.

The wind turbine tower manufacturer at Machrihanish is only weeks away from completing its new factory extension.

The fate of the deal to make Kintyre a hub in Scotland's renewable energy market is hanging in the balance; there are more than 100 jobs at the factory and the extension will take the figure up to 300.

The wind turbine manufacturer says it is 'currently being affected by a number of negative factors in the wake of the financial crisis'.

Skykon went to court in Denmark and filed for suspension of payments on Tuesday.

The creditors will shortly receive additional information from the supervisor on the further course of events.

Company directors say they will 'now make a final attempt to pursue any remaining possibilities available to us'.

Jens Pedersen, chief executive officer of Skykon, told the Courier on Tuesday: 'We are short of money, that's basically it. We had a board meeting over the weekend. We need a bit of time out to try and restructure the company and basically get in fresh capital. That's what we are doing right now.'

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday November 3, 1995

MP calls for full seabed survey

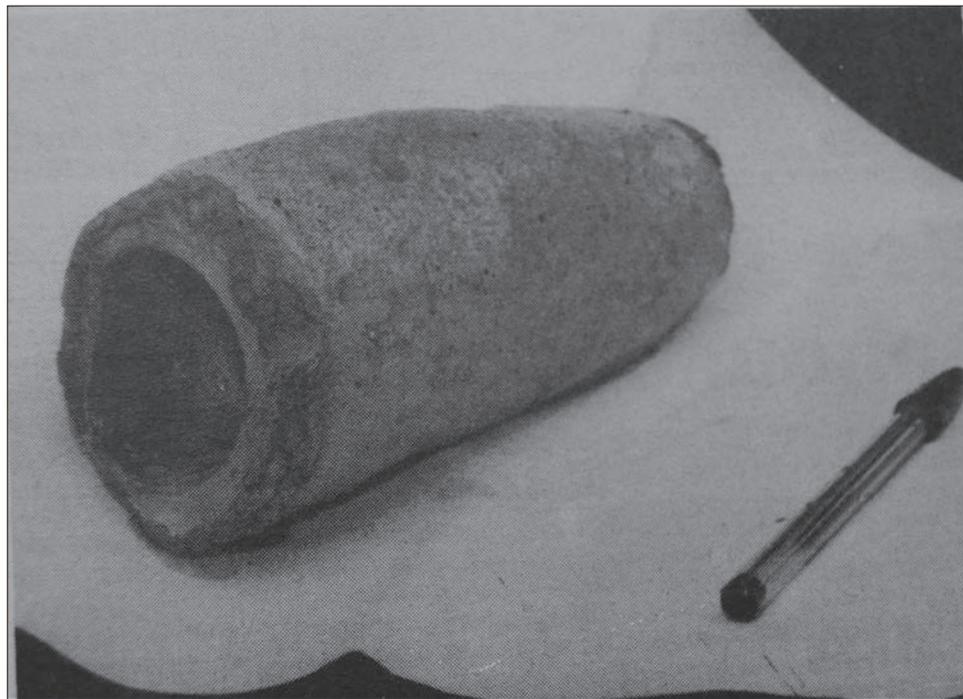
Argyll and Bute MP Mrs Ray Michie is calling for a full seabed survey to find the source of the thousands of incendiaries washed up on west of Scotland beaches over the past month.

Around 4,500 of the mystery devices have been washed up around the northern Firth of Clyde, the west coast of Kintyre, Islay and Jura over the past month.

By Tuesday the number being washed ashore in Argyll had been reduced to a trickle. The total number reported to police in Campbeltown for the past month, by Tuesday, stood at 1,738.

The east coast of Kintyre and Southend were worst hit - with 1,158 and 477 respectively. Only eight were reported in the week up to Tuesday.

Last week the Scottish Office's Environment



In 1995: One of the incendiary devices washed up along the shore of Kintyre.

Minister Lord Lindsay said he was ordering a survey of the munitions dump at Beaufort's Dyke.

The Ministry of Defence has denied ever dumping phosphorus weapons at sea.

The incendiaries are between eight and 15 inches long and may be broken or misshapen. They range in colour from dirty white to brown and can resemble a piece of bone.

They can burst into flames as they dry out and burn skin or clothing which comes into contact with them.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Friday November 5, 1970

Wrecked cattle ship breaking up

The Dutch cattle ship Hereford Express, aground since last Thursday on the Boiler Reef off Sanda, has a list of more than 60 degrees and is breaking up. She was badly buffeted by the weekend storm.

Only three of the 234 head originally aboard survived. More than 30 carcasses have been found on the shores of Sanda by lighthouse keepers and one has been washed up at Westport.

The Hereford Express was on passage from Londonderry, Northern Ireland, to Glasgow

when she ran ashore east of the Mull of Kintyre lighthouse.

Campbeltown lifeboat was launched early that morning but when she reached the area a German coaster, the Hope Isle, had taken the badly-holed vessel in tow.

Just off Sanda, heading for the Clyde to rendezvous with the Ardrossan tug the Ardneil, the tow ropes broke and the vessel drifted onto the notorious Boiler Reef.

The skipper, officers and eight-man crew of the Hereford Express were taken to Ardrossan aboard the tug.

On Friday, attempts to rescue the 60 or so animals left on board failed. Southend coastguards had planned to shoot lines on board the ship to guide the cattle to shore, but were told that the operation was off due to the bad condition of the ship - she was listing and the holes in her hull were being battered wider by heavy winds.

A Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals inspector, Mr Alex Miller of Ayr, painlessly destroyed 40 of the surviving cattle when landed on the deck of the ship by helicopter but the remaining 20 beasts, which were too deep in the hold to get onto the deck, had to be shot by RAF rifleman Sergeant Bill Jackson.

Earlier, an attempt by Southend fisherman Mr Archie Cameron to reach the ship in his open boat ended when he was forced to turn

back half-way because of the rough seas. Argyll health department was in Southend at the beginning of the week, deciding on measures to deal with the washed-up carcasses. A salvage firm is working about the wreck.

Government departments are to be asked to hold a full inquiry into the grounding.

Inspectors of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals took part in dramatic efforts to save the animals and now two animal protection societies are demanding a probe into the circumstances under which the Dutch vessel put to sea and later grounded.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday October 30, 1920

Killean

The late Mr Alexander Mackinnon, Auchnafad. A much-respected and venerable figure has been removed by death in the person of Mr Alexander Mackinnon, Auchnafad, who passed away on Monday night 18th inst aged 83 years.

Deceased was born and lived all his days on the estate of Largie, his father having been tenant of Balure. On this farm he spent a great part of his life and over 30 years ago he took over the tenancy of Auchnafad, where he farmed successfully up till the time of his death.

Quiet and industrious, deceased did not take any active part in the public work of the parish. He was a keen churchman and was for many years an elder in the Clachan Free Church.

At the time of the union, Mr Mackinnon associated himself with the United Free Church section when the split occurred.

His wife predeceased him 30 years ago and he is survived by a family of six sons and two daughters.

Three of the sons and one daughter are at Auchnafad, while one son is the tenant of Rosehill and another of Auchensavil, Carradale.

The funeral took place on Thursday to Killean Burying Ground and was largely attended.



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Fish and chip shop brings home the catch after DigitalBoost support

An award-winning fish and chip shop takeaway in Helensburgh has adapted to Covid-19 restrictions with the creation of a new website and the introduction of online ordering following support from DigitalBoost, delivered by Business Gateway.

The Wee Kelpie is a world-renowned fish and chip shop established in 2011. Led by husband and wife team Nicola and Kerr Raeburn, the business closed at the start of lockdown to ensure the health and safety of their team.

Following this, Nicola and Kerr approached Business Gateway to identify how they could adapt their business model to re-open in the safest way possible and limit their exposure to the public to reduce the spread of the virus.

Through DigitalBoost, the couple accessed one-to-one support, including expert advice as they started building their first website. Nicola was supported as she went through appointing a web developer, with Business Gateway input to the plan and brief helping ensure the website met their business needs.

Business Gateway was also able to signpost funding opportunities and the Wee Kelpie secured funding through the Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme towards their new website and the equipment needed to adapt their operations. The programme is funded by Argyll and Bute Council and the European Regional Development Fund 2014-20 Structural Funds Programme.

Explore

Nicola said: 'Before the pandemic, we relied on footfall and word of mouth to drive sales. After deciding to close, we knew we had to explore other ways of operating and Business Gateway was there to help take us through this process. Through DigitalBoost, we were able to access expert, impartial help which was invaluable as we started the process of building a website. It was particularly helpful as we searched for a web-developer to support us as I received several quotes and conflicting advice from design agencies.'

'Our DigitalBoost consultant, however, was friendly, knowledgeable and explained



Kerr and Nicola Raeburn, owners of The Wee Kelpie.

things clearly to us, outlining what we needed to do to adapt and launch a new platform.'

Jen Smith, business adviser for Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, said: 'It is rewarding

to see how this package of support has come together for Nicola and her team and assisted their safe re-opening.

Having a strong online presence will continue to be vital

for businesses and for many this can be daunting, especially if this is something they haven't done before. However, the DigitalBoost programme can help, providing free,

expert, impartial advice to support businesses as they take their operations online. Our Local Growth Accelerator Programme remains open to those looking to grow.'

Digital skills help businesses respond to Covid crisis

According to recent Business Gateway research, Covid-19 remains a worry for more than three-quarters of businesses.

If this includes your business, Business Gateway is here to help, providing help on everything from switching to online platforms, business strategy, redundancy, HR, flexible working and crisis planning.

Across the country, the Business Gateway service has adapted to virtual working and has been supporting businesses as they adapt, plan and change to new environments. One-to-one support from an experienced

local business adviser can provide a lifeline to help businesses rebuild and move forward and the team continues to provide free help to new and existing business owners. In Argyll and Bute since lockdown began, Business Gateway has already received double the volume of enquiries compared to last year and has helped more than 150 business owners adapt to Covid-19.

The pandemic has also clearly shown the value businesses gain from using online platforms, which can provide a direct, low-cost way to keep in touch with clients and potentially

facilitate online sales. Over the coming months, digital upskilling and maximising the use of technology will continue to be a powerful tool in helping bring the country out of the financial crisis and, given this, it is vitally important businesses continue to get the most out of digital platforms.

Business Gateway has a range of webinars running in November that focus on relevant topics for business owners who want the most out of digital platforms. This includes sessions on Facebook for business; how to develop video for social media and

producing engaging online content. DigitalBoost, Scotland's national digital training programme, delivered by Business Gateway, is a critical tool for businesses during this period. Now in its fifth year, DigitalBoost provides businesses with free support to help them improve productivity and increase resilience through webinars, guides, video tutorials, case studies and one-to-one advice.

By contacting Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, businesses may be able to secure one hour with a digital specialist to help across a range of issues such as digital strategy, building

an e-commerce platform, improving search engine optimization and more. Following completion of the Digital Health Check available via the website, more intensive digital support may also be available from DigitalBoost to help established businesses implement their growth plans on topics including building online booking and ticketing systems, social media, cyber resilience, data analytics, digital marketing strategy and e-commerce.

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Rethink

RELOCATE OR RENOVATE?



When it comes to our homes and all things related to property, one thing is for sure: the Covid-19 crisis means it is time for a huge reassessment.

Who on earth would have thought that 2020 would have turned out the way it has? The uncertainty and uncharted territory we now find ourselves in has made us all rethink our day-to-day lives, especially how and where we live and work.

Never, in our lifetimes, have our homes played such an important role in our financial, physical and social well-being.

Families in flats or with small gardens want to move to more spacious properties, or make the most of what space they have; home-aloners want to live nearer to family or in towns and villages. Lots of us realise that we need to do some serious rethinking about what we need and how we will achieve this both practically and financially.

Or do we just need to 'reinvent the wheel?'

Think about it: the home and property model for the second half of the 20th century still dominates – but the mum and dad and their 2.4 kids in a 'nuclear family' unit is not a comfortable fit as the 21st century unfolds.

The 'blended' family of yours, mine and

“ We have faced major changes before and it has all worked out fine - so don't let uncertainty stop you from living your best possible life in the best possible home.”

ours, the soaring price of property and care of the elderly all hark back to earlier times.

Family homes were always multi-generational; Victorian and Edwardian epidemics, pandemics, the heavy loss of lives in wars meant households included a grandparent or two, widowed uncle, spinster aunt and the occasional orphaned sibling, along with chil-

dren living at home until they married or saved enough for a home. Take a look at the size of the Victorian villas in our major towns and the old farmhouses; they were built to be full of people.

And the majority of the West Highlands worked from home – only back then it was crofts or weaving. The idea of 'tele-crofting' popular 20 or so years ago suddenly makes sense. Only this time the byres will be offices, and workshops and studios will be alongside the remaining weaving sheds.

Looking at housing needs across society, and a couple of centuries, makes our own, new circumstances seem less daunting. We have faced major changes before and it has all worked out fine - so don't let uncertainty stop you from living your best possible life in the best possible home.



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After coming to a screeching halt when the Covid crisis began, the property market is back in action

This has been a tricky year for the number crunchers who analyse the property market.

The latest provisional statistics from the UK House Price Index, published at the start of October, show that the average price of a property in Scotland in July 2020 was £155,335, an increase of 0.4 per cent on July 2019.

The volume of residential sales in Scotland in May 2020 was 3,085, a decrease of 67.7 per cent on the original provisional estimate for May 2019.

This compares with a decrease of 56.1 per cent in England, 60.4 per cent in Wales, and 68.3 per cent in Northern Ireland.

Commenting on the volume of sales across Scotland, Janet Egdell, at Registers of Scotland, said: 'These figures clearly show the ongoing impact on housing market activity of the measures introduced to tackle the pandemic. The government guidance at the time was for housing transactions to be postponed and rescheduled wherever possible.'

'Throughout this period Registers of Scotland delivered a range of digital solutions to support those transactions that could go ahead safely while adhering to government guidance.'

'In subsequent months we have seen a significant amount of this delayed activity come through for registration.'

In Scotland, detached properties showed the largest increase, rising by 1.9 per cent in the year to July 2020 to £271,709. Flats showed a decrease, falling by 0.8 per cent in the year to July 2020 to £110,851.

Average price increases were recorded in the majority of local authorities, when comparing prices with the previous year.

Across the UK, residential property transactions rose 15.6 per cent in August following introduction of the stamp duty holiday.

Figures from the Building Societies Association show that there has been a marked uplift in the number of people, who say that now is a good time to buy a property: 37 per cent in September compared to 25 per cent in June.

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Gardens, kitchens and bathrooms are our top priorities if we plan on staying put

One in two people, 48 per cent, are planning home improvements - with a planned average spend of £2,362.

'With the world facing such change and uncertainty, many people have been able to find comfort in their homes. For some, it has been the simple pleasure of gardening or being able to enjoy more family meal times together,' said James Fairclough, director of AA Financial Services which undertook the new research.

He added that the findings suggest there has been a growing appreciation of the positive aspects of home life during lockdown, with 89 per cent of adults saying their home has been essential in supporting their mental health and wellbeing, more so among women - 91 per cent compared to 86 per cent of men.

The number one priority was the garden, with nearly a quarter of people, 24 per cent saying this was important.

Other priorities included:

- Kitchen - 15 per cent
- Bathroom - 12 per cent
- Study - 6 per cent
- Games room - 5 per cent
- Conservatory - 4 per cent

When it came to extending homes, four per cent both said that they wanted to make a downstairs room bigger or add a bedroom in each case.

The average planned spend was £2,362, rising to £3,019 in Edinburgh. Interestingly, the research found there was very little contrast between those who were being paid as usual and those who had taken a pay cut to stay in work - £2,259 vs £2,279.

When it came to how they were going to finance the changes, more than a quarter said they would use their savings, 27 per cent rising to 32 per cent of those in Edinburgh.

HOW TO PAY

- Disposable income - 22 per cent
- Credit card - 7 per cent
- Personal loan - 5 per cent
- Borrowing from friends and family - 5 per cent
- Adding to mortgage - 5 per cent
- Overdraft - 5 per cent

'The fact that many are putting aside significant sums of money to make home alterations after lockdown suggests they have been able to find positives to spending more time at home,' James said.

'Making changes to their homes is a sign they hope certain aspects of their new pace of life will remain as we edge our way out of lockdown.'

IS YOUR PLAN PERMITTED?

Small alterations and extensions can go ahead without applying under 'permitted development'.

Make sure you know which is which; remember, go ahead regardless without the necessary permission and you can expect to be served with an enforcement notice.

For peace of mind make sure you take the time to avoid this.

If you live in a Conservation Area or your home is a listed building, be very careful.

Building Warrants are unique to Scotland, the nearest that England and Wales have is building control approval. This is where people moving to Scotland can come unstuck; work cannot start on site until warrants are approved, thus showing compliance with regulations on new builds and alterations and any demolition work. Just as with permitted development there are exemptions.



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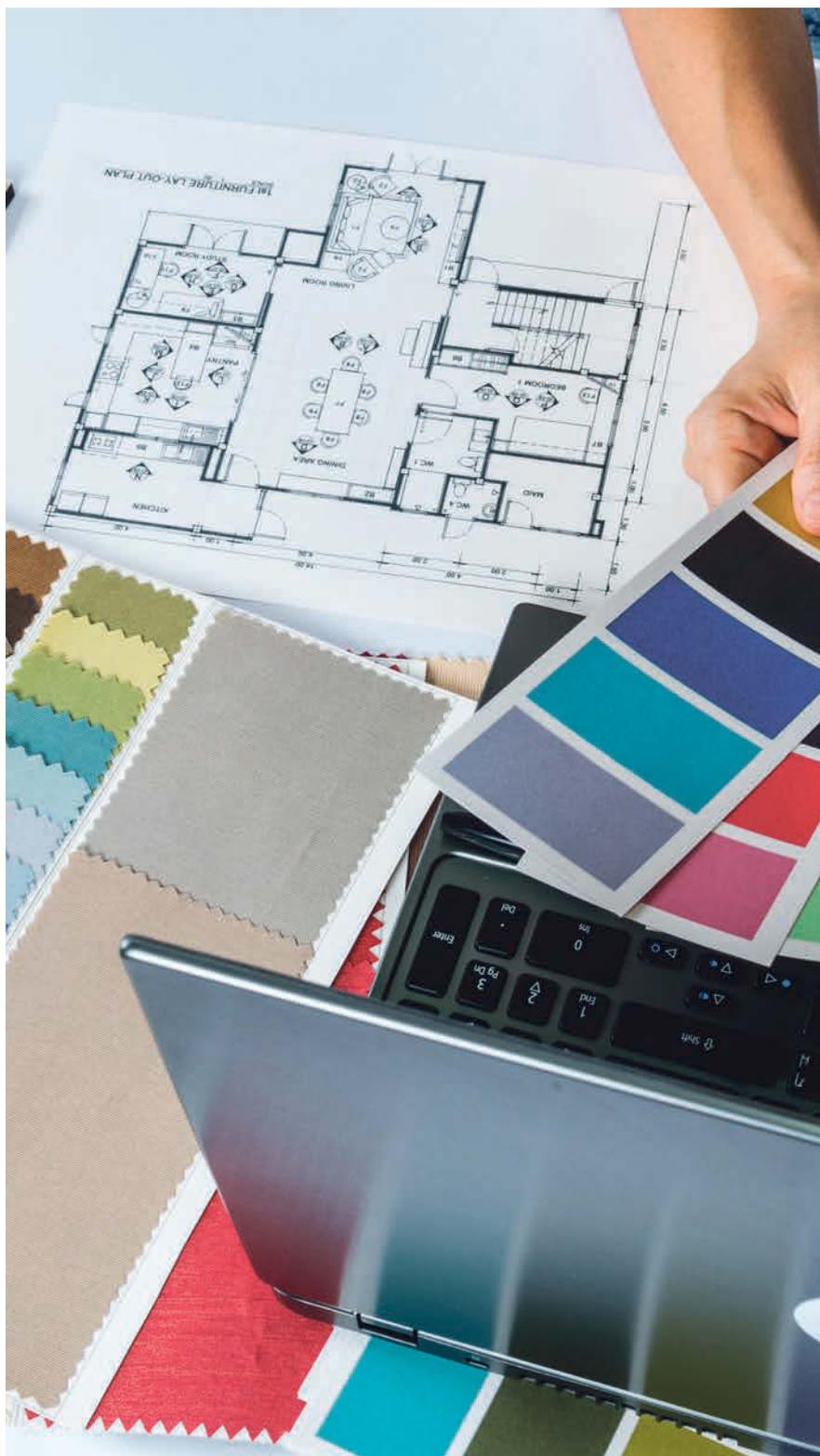
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Online services to the rescue

The online eDevelopment.scot – homepage of the Scotland-wide system for making applications online has come into its own during the present Covid crisis. It links to your local council and has downloadable user guides plus a technical support desk.

New builds and larger projects need permission granted via local councils and they have risen to the challenge.

Argyll and Bute Council has said it recognises the importance for inspection of sites or works prior to the acceptance of Completion Certificates and Temporary Occupation/Use Certificates, and its systems have adapted to the challenges of Covid-19.

As well as physical site inspections all councils are offering Remote Virtual Inspections using Skype and other platforms where possible.

This can be done in cases where the Building Standard Surveyor is of the opinion that a virtual inspection can provide the equivalent of a site inspection. Provision of certification and other evidence can include photographs.

Remember that the final decision on how this is carried out rests with the council deciding what method is the most appropriate.

'These arrangements ensure that we can provide a quality of service which meets your needs, whilst protecting public health,' said Argyll and Bute Council, adding: 'Whilst as a service we are well equipped to work flexibly from home, it is anticipated that there may continue to be some disruption due to staff availability and delivery of processes which currently rely on hardcopy documentation.'

Back in March the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning, Kevin Stewart MSP, wrote to local councils at the start of the Covid outbreak, giving additional guidance on the duration of building warrants, extending the validity and determination of application – refusal and deemed refusals.

Local authorities are responsible for granting permission for work to be done with building warrants and for a completed building to be occupied by issuing a completion certificate.

His guidance was to ensure that where work was paused as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic that applicants would not be disadvantaged through the expiry of their building warrant.

'I appreciate that granting an extension to a building warrant requires further work and as a result a fee is normally charged,' he said.

'However, at this time it is important that the fee does not prevent contractors getting back to work in a safe and responsible manner in order to complete works for applicants.'

He called for councils to use their discretion, particularly for small works that were halted by the pandemic.

This guidance specifically addresses small works including those to existing homes and business premises and where delays to the completion of works have been caused by the pause in construction due to the pandemic.

This timescale allows for any work that was paused due to the pandemic to have restarted and any necessary extension warrant to have been applied for; the original extension was until the end of this month (October), but expect to see further extensions and always check with council departments before proceeding.

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Budding photographer Aileen's colourful charity calendar

A budding photographer from Mid Argyll has put floral snaps taken at a Kintyre farm to good use by creating a colourful calendar to raise money for the charity Shopper-Aide.

Aileen Gillies, originally from Ford, has already raised £2,800 for the Macmillan suite at Mid Argyll Hospital in Lochgilphead, where she lives, through her 'Mid Argyll and Beyond' and 'Summertime in Tarbert'

calendars. After a visit to Glencaigs Farm, which welcomed visitors to its fields of sunflowers, poppies and wildflowers throughout August in exchange for a charitable donation, Aileen decided to turn her photographs, which proved popular on social media, into a calendar.

As the money collected at the farm was donated to Shopper-Aide, which supports people in Kintyre aged 60 and over, Aileen decided to donate



Aileen Gillies with her Glencaigs Farm calendar, left, and Tarbert calendar, right.



A wildflower meadow was one of the attractions at the farm which features on the calendar.



Aileen captured wildlife and plant-life at the farm.

the proceeds of her calendar to the charity as well. This has been welcomed by Shopper-Aide which, like many other charities, has not been able to carry out its usual fundraising events this year.

While the Mid Argyll and Tarbert calendars are still

available to buy from Aileen, who hopes to raise £3,000, with orders still coming in thick and fast, the Glencaigs calendars are only available to purchase from Shopper-Aide at 23 Longrow or by calling 01586 551600. Those wishing to order a Mid Argyll or

Tarbert calendar - which have been posted all over the UK as well as to Canada, France, the USA, Australia and New Zealand - can contact Aileen through Facebook or by emailing aileengillies@hotmail.co.uk or telephoning 07825 291614.

After the success of her first calendar, Aileen, who is a completely self-taught photographer, began turning her images into cards, a selection of which is available in Glenbarr Stores and at the Harlequin Tearoom in Campbeltown.



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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

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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
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Around the markets

United Auctions, Dalmally, Friday October 23: sold 2059 sheep of all classes. Lambs sold to £72.50 for Texel crosses from Ardbeg to average £53.10 (+£13.95). A good following of buyers in attendance ensured all classes of stock on offer was easily sold. Blackface lambs were in keen demand and sold beyond sellers' expectations.

Leading Prices Per Head

Lambs – SuffX – £70.00, Achnacone. TexX – £72.50, Ardbeg; £69.00, Dunans; £67.00, Ormsary Farmers; £66.50, Maam Farm; £65.50, Ellary Farms; £65.50, Ardbeg; £62.00, Ederline Estate; £60.50, Maam Farm; £60.00, Bragleenmore. Chev – £71.00, £68.50, Bunlarie; £66.00, Tigh Airidh; £64.00, Ellary Estate; £64.00, Maam Farm; £61.00, Birchfield. Cross – £68.00, Brackley; £67.50, Kilvaree Farm; £65.00, Bunlarie;

£63.00, Brackley; £61.00, Laggan Barguilean; £60.00, Acharonich. BF – £70.50, High Balantyre; £68.00, Acharonich; £66.00, Raera; £66.00, Duncroisk; £65.00, Achnacone; £63.00, Castles Estate; £62.00, Auchreoch; £61.00, Laggan Barguilean; £60.50, Brackley; £60.00, Duncroisk; £59.00, Cuiluaire; £59.00, Acharonich; £57.00, Castles Estate; £57.00, Auchlyne; £57.00, High Balantyre; £56.00, Tigh Airidh; £56.00, Corrylorn.

Ewes – TexX – £75.00, Dunans. Chev – £60.00, £58.00, Castles Farms. Mule – £66.00, £65.00, Ormsary Farmers; £57.00, Duncroisk. BF – £60.00, £50.00, £51.00, Castles Estate; £50.00, Dunans.

Correct Ewes

Cross – £57.00, Colquhalzie; £50.00, High Balantyre. BF – £66.00, Laggan Barguilean; £60.00, Eden Taggart; £59.00,

Cuiluaire; £58.00, Duncroisk. Ewe Lambs – BF – £63.00, Raera; £59.00, Castles Estate; £56.00, Saulmore; £56.00, Achnaba; £50.00, Bragleenmore.

Leading Prices Per Kilo

Lambs – TexX – 218p, Ellary Estate; 216p, Maam Farm; 214p, Bragleenmore; 214p, Ederline Estate; 198p, Ardbeg; 195p, Ederline Estate; 191p, Ormsary Farmers; 190p, Maam Farm; 190p, Ederline Estate. Chev – 208p, High Balantyre; 207p, Birchfield; 206p, Ellary Farms; 204p, Tigh Airidh; 200p, Maam Farm; 199p, 194p, Tigh Airidh; 192p, Maam Farm. Cross – 214p, Acharonich; 205p, Laggan Barguilean; 204p, Brackley; 203p, Ellary Farms; 200p, Cluaran; 199p, Tigh Airidh; 191p, Brackley; 190p, Ardbeg. Mule – 200p, Maam Farm. BF – 230p, Dunans; 211p, Auchlyne; 210p, 209p, Raera; 203p, Achnacone; 200p,

Tigh Airidh; 200p, Cuiluaire; 200p, Duncroisk; 200p, 197p, Acharonich; 194p, Duncroisk; 193p, Birchfield; 193p, Bragleenmore; 192p, Raera; 191p, Auchreoch; 191p, Castles Estate.

United Auctions, Stirling, Monday October 26:

sold 2174 suckled calves and also forward 4032 store lambs and feeding sheep.

Bullocks (1295) averaged 253.7p to 409.5p per kg for a 232kg CHX from Upper Samieston and £1105 for a 430kg CH from Cameron.

Heifers (865) averaged 241.2p to 390.6p per kg for a 256kg CHX from Upper Samieston and £1080 for a 392kg LimX from Upper Spittleton. Young Bulls (15) averaged 248.9p to 289.2p per kg for a 287kg CHX from Upper Samieston and £830 for a 287kg ChX from Upper Samieston.

Leading prices per

head/kg: Bullocks: Upto 250kg- Upper Samieston £950.00, 409.50p; 251-300kgs- Polquhairn £900.00, 332.10p; 301-350kgs- Upper Samieston £930.00, 296.40p; 351-400kgs- Cameron £1060.00, Posso 268.80p; 401-450kgs- Cameron £1105, 257.10p; 451-500kgs- Cuttlehill £990, 215.70p.

Heifers: Upto 250kg- Kirkland £640.00, Laughtmuirside 277.80ppk; 251-300kgs – Upper Samieston £1000.00, 390.60p; 301-350kgs- Glenrath £920.00, 275.00p; 351-400kgs- Upper Spittleton £1080.00, 275.50p 401-450kgs- Upper Spittleton £1010.00, 246.30p; 451-500kgs- Burnbank £950.00, Knowhead 194.70; 501-551kgs – Garrick £1030.00, 203.60ppk.

United Auctions sold 4032 Store Lambs and Feeding Sheep.

Store Lamb Averages

TexX- £75.43 (+1.27) on the week - Mule- £73.28 (+£6.18) on the week. SuffX- £73.55 (+£0.80) on the week; Chev- £65.21 (+£2.98) on the week; BTexX - £81.60 (+£0.12) on the week; BF- £58.07 (+£0.16) on the week.

Leading Prices

Store Lambs- Mount Pleasant (Tex) £88.00; Whitburn (Tex) £86.50; Easter Lumbennie (Tex) £83.50; Stobbs (Mule Ewe Lambs) £92.00; Auldmurroch (Mule Ewe Lambs) £75.50; Newbigging (Mule) £75.50; Glenherve (Mule) £74.50; Mount Pleasant (Suff) £87.50; Easter Lumbennie (Suff) £77.00; Glenherve (Suff) £76.50; Clockan (Chev) £70.00 & £67.50; Middleknowes (Chev) £65.50; Balafark (BTex) £90.00; Strathnafanaig (BTex) £89.00; Newbigging (BTex) £86.00; Eastmill (BF) £70.00; Outerwards (BF) £68.00; Gartincaber (BF) £67.50.

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

Farmers, tradespeople and fleet customers are attracted by the D-Max's rugged reliability and broad range

of accessories and fleet solutions, while customers who use their truck for business and pleasure love the sophistication and the distinctive styling of the 'Adventure' range models like the Blade and XTR.

In addition to record sales, interest in the brand is also at an all-time high with the Isuzu website witnessing record traffic and brochure downloads last month as the country steadily opens back up for business.

William Brown, Managing Director of Isuzu UK, commented: "Our team has worked exceptionally hard to achieve this fantastic sales record and it's great to see that more people are recognising the capabilities and strengths of our award-winning truck. Moving forward, we're currently getting ready for



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TAKE A MOMENT TO CHECK YOUR CAR INSURANCE IS CURRENT, SAYS GEM

ROAD SAFETY organisation GEM Motoring Assist is encouraging drivers to take a moment before setting off and ensuring the vehicle they are using is properly insured. The call comes at the start of 'Op Drive Insured 2020', a week-long campaign by police across the country in partnership with the Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB) to reduce the number of uninsured vehicles on the UK's roads.

According to MIB data, more than 130 people are killed and 26,000 injured by an uninsured or untraced driver. This equates to one casualty every 20 minutes. Efforts to remove uninsured vehicles from the road continue year-round, with approximately 130,000 uninsured vehicles seized by police every year. Driving without car insurance is illegal. You can have your vehicle seized and potentially

crushed, along with a £300 penalty ticket and six points on your licence.

GEM chief executive Neil Worth comments: "GEM is supporting this week of heightened enforcement, which we believe is an effective way of highlighting the risks posed by drivers of uninsured vehicles. "You may think of an uninsured vehicle as generally being driven by a criminal – or at least an individual with little care for road safety attempting to get away without paying – but the same rules apply to anyone whose insurance might



have lapsed because they forgot to renew the policy, or they changed cars, or they're in a car they wrongly thought they were covered to drive.

"That's why we're encouraging every driver to check their insurance, make a note of who's covered on the policy, when it's due to run out, and whether or not it's set to renew automatically. These checks are all the responsibility of the driver, and there are harsh fines for falling foul of the rules."

Check you're insured – before you set off: tips from GEM to stay on the right side of the law.

- > Take a look at your car insurance details. Check the registration number on the policy is correct, check who is insured to drive and when the policy expires.
- > Check whether the policy will auto-renew or whether you have to contact your insurer to renew.
- > If you can't locate your policy details, check your car is insured using the Motor Insurers' Database
- > If you are allowing someone else to drive your car, make sure your policy allows other drivers with their own comprehensive cover to drive it. If not, you will need to include them as named drivers on your policy.

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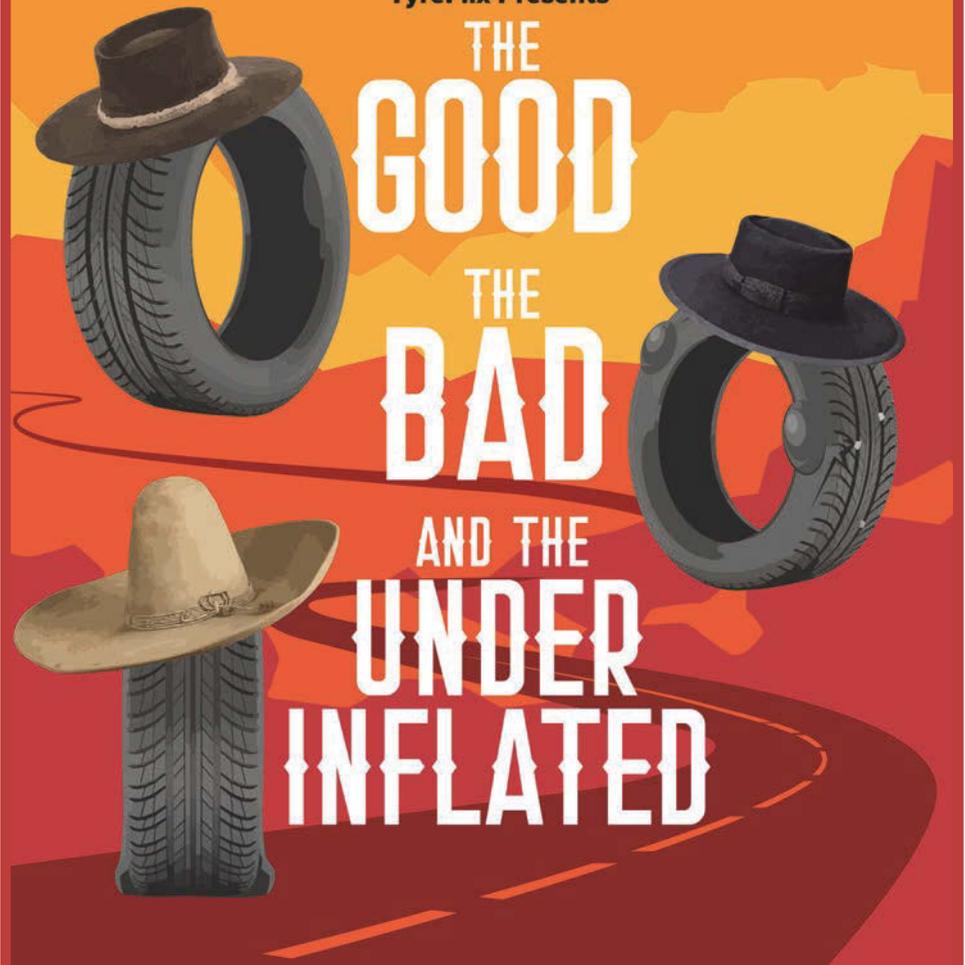


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THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UNDERINFLATED - WHICH TYPE OF TYRES ARE ON YOUR VEHICLE, ASKS TYRESAFE

With over 50% of tyres driven on Britain's roads being below the vehicle manufacturers' recommendation, TyreSafe is urging drivers to get into the habit of carrying out regular checks this Tyre Safety Month.

Correct air pressure is essential to ensure safety on the road. If the tyres are under- or over-inflated they have less contact than when they're properly inflated and can cause handling problems while driving. Incorrect air pressure will also add to the vehicle's running costs and reduce tyre life. In fact, TyreSafe research shows up to £1 billion could be being wasted by UK motorists in unnecessary fuel bills purely because of underinflated tyres.

TyreSafe is highlighting the message as part of October 2020's Tyre Safety Month with an animation called The Good, The Bad and The Underinflated, which

can be viewed at TyreSafe.org or on YouTube. The animation is part of this year's campaign which asks, Are your tyres ready for ACTION?

To correctly inflate a tyre, owners should first check their tyre size. This can be found on the sidewall of each tyre and will be a sequence of numbers and letters such as 195/55 R16. On modern cars, the front and rear size may be different, and if that is the case both have to be taken into account. The appropriate pressure will be found in a chart in the handbook, fuel filler cap or one of the front door pillars.

An accurate pressure gauge should be used to check each tyre's pressure and inflated to the correct level. This will need adjusting should the vehicle be driven fully loaded rather than with just a light load.

To help owners, TyreSafe has a new app available

through Google Play and the Apple App Store which will help guide them through the process. The app also allows them to store the tyre size and pressure information, and if they allow notifications, they will receive a monthly reminder to check their tyres again.

Stuart Jackson, Chair of TyreSafe, said: "Underinflation is arguably the most common tyre defect. That's frustrating as it's in everybody's interest to ensure pressure is set to the right level.

Not only are the risks of an incident reduced, owners also reduce motoring costs. As we're all watching our spending at the moment, it makes sense to ensure tyre pressures are right for the vehicle and its load.

"A monthly check is all it takes. So, if you're heading back on the road, follow the TyreSafe advice and make sure you're ready for ACTION."



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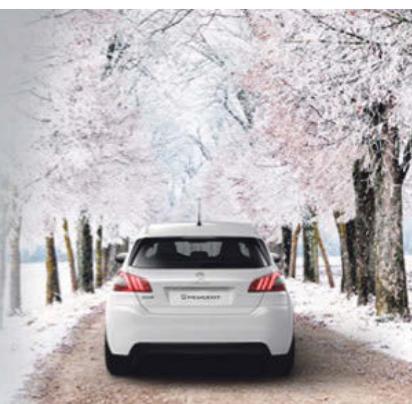
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20/01690/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land East Of Refleuch, Tayinloan, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6XG
20/00169/PP	Replace grey and black uPVC gutters with white uPVC gutters, replace black wooden fascias with white uPVC fascias and replace white uPVC doors to rear and side elevations with black composite doors including use of land for the siting of caravan (retrospective)	Kilmory Guest House, 9 Paterson Street, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8JP
20/01256/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land North West Of Balure Croft, Tayinloan, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6XG

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Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

Tomorrow is Hallowe'en and once again the virus precludes the children from their usual activities and parties.

There will be no opportunity to go guising into the houses of neighbours and no fancy dress parties.

Yet this will not stop our young people having fun.

I have been so impressed by their resilience throughout these difficult months and their lack of complaining.

The folk in our local villages have also been inspiring and innovative in their thinking.

There will still be the opportunity to show off their costumes and enjoy treats. Gardens will be set up with fairy lights and turnips lit up to show a grizzly grin in the darkness as the children lift our spirits once again.

I have already come across several hand painted rocks with scary faces lurking in various places as our youngsters won't be thwarted. I hope their laughter and sense of fun will cheer in these uncertain times and bring us hope. We have turned the clocks back once again and this is a stark reminder of dark days ahead.

Yet we are a people of hope and on Sunday we celebrate All Saints Day and reflect on the courage and the faith of those who have gone before us.

We don't just remember the famous saints like Andrew and Peter, Columba and Brigit, Augustine and Paul and so many others.

We also remember our own folk – the good folk we have loved and lost who made this earth a better place, and whose spirits stay with us while they rest in God's closer presence on that other side of time. And you don't need to go guising for God loves you just as you are.

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Great work and optimism at Tarbert Castle

With the ninth Tarbert Castle Trust annual general meeting to be held remotely next month, papers issued ahead of the event offer a glimpse into the trust's achievements and ambitions.

The group, which voluntarily looks after the community-owned Tarbert Castle ruins and adjacent woodland and orchard, has a membership of 160.

In her report to trustees, chairwoman Sheila Campbell hails the 2019 big community archaeological dig as 'a great success' adding: 'We have received consents from Historic Environment Scotland to leave the western entrance discovery visible to the public, to carry out a small dig to locate entrance at the eastern end of site and construct a new interpretation area.'

'All the above work is in hand in addition to our normal maintenance programme observing Covid rules and recommendations.'

She added: 'We have worked with an excellent rural skills group from Tarbert Academy this year. The group has been very helpful in keeping our maintenance programme up-to-date.'

Secretary and treasurer Robert McPhail added thanks to archaeologist Roddy Regan



Tarbert Castle.

for his advice and help for volunteers and to the volunteers themselves and everyone who has supported the trust.

The 2019/20 trust accounts show an income of £27,930, expenditure of £23,936 and a surplus of just under £4,000, most of which is grants which have still to be spent. The trust has £30,000 in restricted funds invested for care of the monument. On the impact of the pandemic,

Mr McPhail said: 'Income will go down due to Covid, but we will survive and are taking action by Colin Hunter, who looks after the website, establishing a dedicated donations page and we are investigating the possibility of a contactless donations unit on site.'

Tarbert Castle Trust's annual general meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday November 11.



Hard at work on the big archaeological dig.



The newly-discovered steps.



Robert McPhail, right, supervising tree planting at the castle orchard.

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BIRTHS

TURNBULL



Andrew and Emma are delighted to announce the birth of their precious daughter Ayla Isabella Turnbull. A new granddaughter for Heather and Kevin Williams and Russell and Heather Anderson. First grandchild for Geoff and Shelley Turnbull. Welcome to the world little one!

DEATHS

GRUMOLI

Peacefully at home, 56 Hazelburn, Millknowe, Campbeltown on October 11, 2020, Annie McCormick Hamill, in her 93rd year, beloved wife of the late Oswald Grumoli, much loved mum of Michael, Ronnie, Paul and Nicholas, loving mother-in-law and a dearly loved nonna. Funeral Service Private in line with current government guidelines. Annie's funeral will take place on Wednesday, October 14. The cortege will leave Saint Kieran's RC Church at 12 noon. We will travel along Argyll Street turning in to Main Street down around the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Annie may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

HUNTER - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on October 22, 2020, Marion Naylor

Hunter, in her 95th year, Shuna, 6 Summerhill Crescent, Campbeltown, dear friend of the late Kathleen Patrick, much loved and loving sister of the late Betty, sister-in-law to Gerard and aunt to Richard and Gavin. Funeral private.

MCSPORRAN - Peacefully at Inchmarlo House Care Home, Banchory on Friday, October 16, 2020, John Wallace McSporrnan aged 84 years, beloved husband of Dawn McSporrnan, much loved brother and uncle.

ROBERTSON - Suddenly on October 11, 2020, Stuart Robertson, in his 49th year, 3 Hillside Road, Campbeltown, beloved son of Jan and the late Jim Robertson, much loved brother of Jim, brother-in-law of Meg and loving uncle of Jamie. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Stuart's funeral will take place on Friday, October 30, 2020. The funeral cortege will leave Stuart's mothers house, 42 Calton Avenue, Campbeltown at 12 noon, travelling along Davaar Avenue, Hillside Road, Millknowe, Aqualibrium Avenue and round the Cross on the way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects may do so anywhere on our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

SINCLAIR - Suddenly at home, 5 Argyll Court, Lochgilphead, on Saturday, October 10, 2020, Donald "Hassan" Sinclair in his 72nd year. Brother of Nell and Willie. Private funeral

service will be held at Achnabreac Cemetery on Monday, November 2.

TURNBULL - Suddenly, but peacefully at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee with her family by her side, Eilidh Turnbull, aged 38 years, formerly of 4 Baddens Park, Lochgilphead. Much loved and loving Mum of Arran; dearly loved daughter of Ian and Margaret Turnbull (née Milton) and cherished sister of Mark and Emma. A loving niece, auntie, sister-in-law and cousin to all the family. Eilidh fought her illness with serenity, optimism and courage. A private family funeral service will be held at Achnabreac Cemetery, on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. She will be missed by all who knew her.

IN MEMORIAM

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- From Maggie and family, home and abroad.

SIMERS - In loving memory of Willie. A year has gone past Since you left us You are forever in our hearts and thoughts. Sorely missed.

- Jean, Karen, Claire and all the family and your wee pal Isla. xxxx

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A physically distanced return to Pilates classes

After eight months of running her business completely via video conferencing platform Zoom, Leone Shaw Tulloch's LST Pilates classes are back - but with a number of changes in place.

She is now running a mixture of classes - Zoom only, face-to-face only and a mix of both.

Leone says this new way of running her business has forced her to be 'super creative' with how she provides her services, something which is yielding unexpected benefits for everyone.

'We started back last week and what a joy for all of us,' she said. 'I hadn't realised how much I had missed the social interaction and how isolated I was becoming in my wee stu-

dio at home and I think many of my lovely customers felt the same way.'

While many of her clients enjoyed their Zoom classes and Leone initially thought her business could survive the pandemic by operating in this way, some of her customers could not join her on Zoom and her turnover, like that of many other businesses, has dropped considerably.

Observation

She added: 'In addition, most of my Pilates teaching requires my observation of how people align their bodies and move and whilst this can be done on Zoom, I don't get the three-dimensional view of their bodies and, visa versa, they don't see me as clearly.'

'Planning to re-open with face-to-face classes wasn't easy but, as all local business owners will know, you have to do what it takes to keep your customers, yourself and your business safe.

'With all the new rules, I couldn't return to my previous venue as it is impossible to social distance. With that in mind, luckily I found a great space at Machrihanish Airbase Community Company.

'With the help of my governing body, Body Control Pilates, I have been regularly updated with the latest restrictions and safety protocols in Scotland and, armed with this advice, I was able to create a Covid-19 safe space for us to return to practice Pilates.'



LST Pilates' face-to-face classes have returned, with members spaced apart.

Leone Shaw Tulloch has spoken about the strain of the pandemic restrictions on her business.



McDiarmid Cup winner Dean Ratcliff.

Dean wins McDiarmid Cup

The final pairing in Machrihanish Golf Club's McDiarmid Cup contested a very close finish, with Dean Ratcliff winning on an extra hole against Charles McIntyre.

Dean has had a good season so far, also coming runner up in the club championship.

A club spokesperson said: 'We wish Dean the best for the 2021 golf season.'

Valerie's cycling challenge total

Kintyre's Valerie Nimmo has raised an impressive £1,800 for Cancer Research UK by cycling more than 300 miles throughout September.

Valerie took part in the Cycle 300 challenge because the Cancer Research UK Kintyre committee, of which she is a member, is unable to hold its usual fundraising events this year. Valerie raised the impressive total through online and offline sponsorship and said: 'Thanks to everyone who donated.'



Companies kit out young Pupils for winter

Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA) has been overwhelmed by the

response from a recent social media plea to kit out the children out for the winter ahead. In normal circum-

stances, the association's younger age groups would benefit from indoor football but during the current pandemic, this is not possible.

The under-14 age group has been sponsored by Glenturas Construction Limited, which provided a £415 donation. All children will receive a fleecelined waterproof training jacket and trousers from the company. The youngsters will benefit from these jackets at training games and while playing in the Glasgow and District league.

The 2011 age group has received a donation of £500 towards the winter wear project from the company Kirby which has kitted 15 children out with warm fleecelined waterproof jacket and trousers.

A CDJFA spokesperson said: 'The coaches, players and parents are very grateful for these fantastic donations.'



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