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# 'Lifeline' store service recognised

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A Kintyre shopkeeper who opened his village store just six months before Covid-19 sent the country into lockdown, has been recognised for his 'lifeline' service during the pandemic.

Will Anderson, owner of Muasdale Stores, is one of four business owners from across Argyll and Bute to be recognised in the Scotland Loves Local campaign's High Street Heroes Awards, highlighting amazing dedication and efforts to help communities through the coronavirus crisis.

Jilly Wilson, of The Square Peg in Lochgilphead, was named Argyll and Bute's regional champion, while Will was joined by the Isle of Bute Resilience Team and Amber Cooper of Cooper's Cleaning,

Dunoon, in receiving highly commended accolades.

Will's nomination reads: 'Muasdale Stores has been a godsend.

'Will only took over the shop in the last year and was slowly building the business, but during the lockdown nothing was too much bother.

'He would try and order in anything you wanted.

'The shop is always stocked with local produce and, over the summer, we enjoyed a lot of vegetables grown on local farms; the freshness was delicious.

'Our nearest supermarkets are in Campbeltown, a good half-hour drive away, but because of the excellent service at Muasdale, I very rarely needed to go.

'Life would have been so much more stressful during lockdown if Muasdale Stores

hadn't been providing the local communities a much-needed lifeline.'

Will told the Courier: 'I never would have imagined my first year in business turning out the way it did, and to receive a highly commended accolade in recognition of my work during lockdown is incredible.

'I'm very thankful and grateful for the kind and thoughtful nomination.'

Will explained that when lockdown hit his first thoughts were for the safety of himself and his customers, which led to the decision to close the shop floor and serve from the back gate instead.

A 'make do' shop was set-up outside with various popular items and Will would collect from inside whatever else customers' required.

'The customer footfall doubled due to people staying at

## Remembering soldiers' sacrifices



Tier Two Covid-19 restrictions, brought in this week, have put a stop to Campbeltown's plans for an official Remembrance ceremony this year.

However, there is nothing to stop us remembering in our own time and in our own way the sacrifices of soldiers, such as Gunner Neil MacLean, photographed here, who spent five years as a prisoner of war following the 51st Highland Division's surrender at St Valéry-en-Caux during the Second World War. Neil's son Calum has exclusively shared with the Courier the veteran's unpublished war diary, discovered after his death.

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home and not travelling,' Will added.

'As a new store, I was still in the process of building up stock and applying for an alcohol licence too.

'Items were being sold as soon as they came in.

'There was a shortage of products and I had to contin-

ually source things like pasta, flour and paracetamol from new suppliers. However, we were never short of lovely fresh fruit and vegetables, thanks to JM Breckenridge.'

Will added that during extremely busy periods, with orders to pack and customers to serve, he wasn't able to manage

the store on his own but Nick Fletcher from the Argyll Hotel in Bellochantuy volunteered to help two days a week.

'I really can't thank him enough for all his hard work,' Will said. 'Muasdale Stores is now back on track, the shop is fully stocked and it's a safe place to shop.'



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## Emelie's sponsored walk for Poppy Appeal

A two-and-a-half-year-old Campbeltown girl will step out on a sponsored walk to Campbeltown War Memorial to raise funds for year's Poppy Appeal.

Little Emelie Willis will walk from her home to the war memorial, where she will complete laps of the monument, before returning to her house.

The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign and is held every year in November, during the period of Remembrance.

Emelie's sponsored walk will take place either on Sunday November 8 or Wednesday November 11, depending on the weather. The challenge means a lot to the tot, as her grandfather, Jackie Willis, who died in April, was in the Royal Irish Rangers and her uncle, Highland Fusilier Lance Corporal Stuart Willis, has just been deployed to Afghanistan. She said: 'I would like to walk to the soldier bench to make money for soldiers like my Granda Jackie and Uncle Stuarly.'

Emelie's proud mum Chelsea added: 'We are still taking sponsors and looking for raffle prizes. If anyone would like to sponsor the following three items, it would be greatly appreciated: a personalised T-shirt, to be worn over her jacket on her walk; a personalised banner or sign to be held for a photograph; and red and black helium balloons to be tied to the soldier bench if it's not too windy.'

'Full credit will be given for these sponsors and we are happy for the names of the sponsor to be on the items.'

Donations can be made on the following link: [www.paypal.com/paypalme/emelieremembrancesp](http://www.paypal.com/paypalme/emelieremembrancesp)



Emelie Willis with her Granda Jackie on Armed Forces Day in 2018.

# Emergency funding to secure cinema's future

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Campbeltown Picture House (CPH) is one of four independent cinemas in Argyll to benefit from £3.55 million of emergency funding from the Scottish Government's Independent Cinema Recovery and Resilience Fund and The National Lottery, through Screen Scotland to secure their immediate future.

Campbeltown Community Business Ltd, the charitable organisation that owns and operates CPH, was given £65,000, while The Tower Digital Arts Centre in Helensburgh received £81,328, West Coast Cinemas LLP,

which owns Studio Cinema in Dunoon and Waterfront Cinema in Greenock, received £244,441 and Oban Phoenix Cinema received £61,818.

Regional Screen Scotland's mobile cinema, the Screen Machine, which operates across the Scottish Highlands and Islands, Western Isles, North Ayrshire and Argyll and Bute, received £24,521.

### Important role

Fiona Hyslop, cabinet secretary for culture, said: 'We understand the severe impact this pandemic has had on businesses across Scotland, including our independent cinemas which play such an important role in communities across the country.'

'We have had to make some really difficult decisions recently that will impact on cinemas which have worked so hard to reopen safely, but we have to put health considerations above everything else and I hope this funding, along with the business support that will be available, will help independent cinemas cope with all the challenges they face.'

Ellen Mainwood, manager at CPH, said: 'We're delighted to receive this generous grant from the Independent Cinema Recovery and Resilience Fund which will allow us to continue to maintain this important and historical building, as well as trade safely within the current guidelines.'

'This year has hit independent cinema hard, as it has everyone, so this grant provides essential support to allow the survival of the Picture House for residents and visitors.'

David Mayo, chairman of the board of directors of Campbeltown Community Business Ltd, added: 'I'd like to express the heartfelt appreciation of all the directors for this extremely generous support towards the survival of the town's iconic and much-loved community asset.'

'This is yet a further example of the many organisations and local individuals that have rallied to help CPH through these difficult times.'

## POLICE FILES

### Offensive weapon

A 34-year-old man was arrested at 11.40pm on Sunday November 1 at Caol Ila, Islay, for behaving in an abusive manner and failing to provide a breath specimen at the roadside. The man later failed to provide a blood sample at Bowmore

Police Station. Subsequently, in relation to the same incident, another man, aged 28, was arrested for abusive behaviour and possession of an offensive weapon. Both men were charged and held for court.

### Car seized

A car was stopped by police for a routine check on Glebe Street, Campbeltown, at 10.15am on Thursday October 29. The check revealed there

was no insurance for the vehicle. The driver, a 48-year-old woman, was charged with the offence and the vehicle was seized.

### Driving charge

A 41-year-old man was accused of behaving in an abusive manner at 9.30pm on Sunday November 1 at Tayinloan, then driving a vehicle while under the influence of drink or drugs and colliding with other

vehicles and a gate. He failed to stop for police and was later stopped and arrested near Tarbert. The man was taken to Lochgilphead Hospital where he failed to provide a urine sample for analysis, after which he was charged and held for court.

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



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**We are still here for you even though the Centre has to remain closed.**

We provide a service to unpaid adult carers across Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles (MAKI). We have three teams:

- Support outreach worker team
- 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.

### Supporting unpaid carers

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

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### The Volunteer Befriending Team

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

### Dochas Counselling Team

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

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

For further information or to arrange an appointment, please telephone Alison Whitefield, Lead Counsellor, on 07432 231217 or contact the service via [counselling@dochasfund.org.uk](mailto: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](http://www.cool2talk.org).

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# Shop serves last roll and sausage

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It was the end of an era as one of Campbeltown's most iconic shops closed its doors for the final time last weekend.

H McIlchere and Son, 23 to 25 Main Street, famed for its hot food takeaways including breakfast rolls and lunchtime meals like macaroni and chicken curry as well as baked produce from sister company Argyll Bakeries, officially closed last Saturday, October 31.

Sweeney McGeachy, from the firm of Neil McGeachy which owned McIlcheres, said: 'We've owned that shop for 27 years, since 1993. It started back in 1906 and when we took over the shop, we kept the name because it was always known as McIlcheres.'

Many teenagers had their first taste of employment



Employees Lisa McEachran and Joanne Tiffin with shop manager Christine Rennie outside McIlcheres on its final day in business.

at McIlcheres but Sweeney explained the closure: 'It's just the natural progression of our business procedures.'

The shop has been bought by Linda McLean of The Kintyre Larder, who will continue to

stock the local and Scottish produce she currently sells from her shop across the road, but on a bigger scale in her new, larger premises.

Linda, who hopes to have a fairly quick turnaround,

re-opening as soon as possible, added: 'We will expand ranges including the Argyll Bakery products as well as new products over time, with bespoke hampers being a big feature.'

'In the meantime, we will continue to stock Argyll Bakery products, from pies to sandwiches, coleslaw to Danish pastries, and are happy to order in anyone's favourites.'

Sweeney added: 'We would like to thank all our customers over the years and all the staff who worked there – too numerous to mention.'

'It's the end of an era but everything changes and I'm quite sure Linda will make it a success. She's done well where she is so I'm quite sure, with the bigger premises, she'll offer a larger range of goods for people.'

Kintyre Larder's Facebook page will have updates on when the shop will re-open.

## Piper Willie picks up trophy at Glenfiddich

Campbeltown piper Willie McCallum took home the winner's trophy in the March, Strathspey and Reel section at the 2020 Glenfiddich Piping Championship.

Courtesy of two second places, Inveraray piper Stuart Liddell won the overall championship for the third time.

Organised by the National Piping Centre and supported by the William Grant Foundation, the 47th Glenfiddich Piping Championship took place in the Great Hall at Blair Castle under strict coronavirus restrictions. The competitors actually performed their sets the day before the competition was streamed 'as live' on Saturday October 31.

Such is the prestige of this invitational competition, regarded by most as the pinnacle of solo piping, Canadian pipers Bruce Gandy and Jack Lee quarantined in Scotland for two weeks prior to the event and face the same isolation period on their return home. The piobaireachd judges



Willie MacCallum, winner of the March, Strathspey and Reel section at the 2020 Glenfiddich Piping Championship. Photograph: Derek Maxwell.

were Iain MacFadyen, Willie Morrison and Dr Jack Taylor, with Walter Cowan, Colin MacLellan, Ian McLellan judging the March, Strathspey and Reel. Fear an tìghe was John Wilson.

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## Test-run on specialised wheelchair cancelled

A planned test-run on a specialised wheelchair which, it is hoped, will take a Kintyre man to the summit of Scotland's highest mountain, has been cancelled.

David MacPherson junior, 44, from the Moy, had planned to try out the Joelette wheelchair – in which he hopes to conquer Ben Nevis next year – at an event tomorrow (Saturday).

The brakes have had to be put on the plan, however, as the charity which designed the chair, JAPES: Joelette And People Experiences, is not able to travel to Campbeltown because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Joelette was designed to help people with mobility issues, like David, who survived a life-changing car accident more than 20 years ago, to take part in mass participation running events and is now used for conquering mountains too.

David is still hoping to be the first person to reach the top of Ben Nevis in a Joelette wheelchair, as he prepares to

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



take on the challenge in June 2021.

He will be joined by his dad, David senior, as well as volunteers from JAPES, who will help power the wheelchair, and Lochaber Mountain Rescue team.

As well as sponsorship, organisers are appealing to anyone fit and able enough, or willing to put in the necessary training before the event, to join them on the climb.

The money the challenge raises will be given to local key workers, including

hospital staff and carers, to reward their hard work throughout the coronavirus pandemic, with a portion also being donated to Lochaber Mountain Rescue.

A special 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.

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# Pupils celebrate achievements with a top class virtual awards ceremony

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Campbeltown Grammar School's pupils' achievements for the 2019/2020 session were recognised at a prizegiving ceremony with a difference before the October break.

The annual awards ceremony usually takes place in June but that was not possible this year as youngsters were educated from home, at the time, because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Students have since returned to school but physical distancing measures remain in place which means it is impossible to invite family and friends to an awards ceremony, so it was recorded and shared online instead.

As he welcomed viewers to the virtual awards ceremony, head teacher David Fyfe said: 'While the past few months

have been difficult for all of us, it's been heart-warming to see the human kindness and compassion our community has shown. Our staff and students stepped up to the plate to make sure no-one was left isolated and that learning continued, in some form, throughout the lockdown.

'I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone again for all their hard work and dedication. It's an honour and a privilege to lead Campbeltown Grammar and our school community and it's my pleasure to open our awards ceremony.'

Mr Fyfe introduced the school's new S3 captains - Aimee MacPhail, Amy Ross, Iona Renton, Calum Scott, Douglas Kenny and Niamh McSporry - who were selected as part of a new junior captain initiative, followed by the new senior vice captains - Lizzie

Bell, Andrea Malai, Andrew McMillan, Melissa Chambers and Mary Thomson. The school's new captains, Brodie MacLaren and Richard Semple, were invited on stage to announce the excellent achievement award winners, followed by the school and endowed prizewinners.

Mr Fyfe concluded the ceremony by revealing that Caius Walker, the winner of the final three school and endowed prizes - for maths, physics and chemistry - was also the winner of the dux prize 2019 for outstanding achievement in scholarship.

## Full list of winners:

Excellent Achievement Awards: Art: Emma Matthew; Biology: Melissa Chambers; Computing: Caius Walker; Music: Caius Walker; Mathematics: Andrew McMillan; Music Technology:



The new junior captains, from left: Douglas Kenny, Iona Renton, Amy Ross, Calum Scott and Aimee MacPhail. Niamh McSporry is missing from the photograph.

Lewis Spence; Physical Education: Keryn Graham; Health and Food Technology: Jenny Souden; Practical Cake Craft: Demi Martin; Spanish: Andrea Malai. School and Endowed Prizes: Judi Angus Memorial Prize for Art: Sonny Scott; May Paterson Prize for Administration: Alison Armour; Helen Hall Prize for Business Studies: Alison Armour; Richard Lee Memorial Prize for Computing: Andrew McMillan; School Prize for History: Andrew McMillan; Norma Deane Memorial Prize for Music: Andrew McMillan; Douglas Hill Prize for Creative Writing: Amy Lowrie; School Prize for Spanish: Amy Lowrie; School Prize for Health and Food Technology: Carla Cameron-Smith; Prize for Technology - Practical Cake Craft: Ellie McNair; School Prize for Biology: Brodie MacLaren; A & M Banks Memorial Prize for English: Mary Thomson; Alexander M Stevenson Memorial Prize for Geography: Mary Thomson; School Prize for Physical Education: Lauren MacKinnon; School Prize for Modern Studies: Beth MacPherson; School Prize for Music Technology: Alex Wotherspoon; School Prize for Graphic Communication: Ruairi Barbour; School Prize for Practical Woodwork Skills: Rhona Lee; School Prize for Engineering Science: Aaron McAlister; Hutcheon Prize for Mathematics: Caius Walker; Dr Gavin R Milne Memorial Prize for Physics: Caius Walker; Sir James Gulliver Prize for Chemistry: Caius



The school's vice captains, from left: Lizzie Bell, Andrea Malai, Andrew McMillan, Melissa Chambers and Mary Thomson.



Campbeltown Grammar School captains Richard Semple and Brodie MacLaren.

Caius Walker, winner of the 2019/2020 dux prize.



Walker. Dux Prize 2019/2020 for Outstanding Achievement in Scholarship: Caius Walker.

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# Fresh new faces at grammar school

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Starting a new school can be daunting at the best of times but taking the first steps into secondary education in the middle of a global pandemic must be particularly intimidating.

Campbeltown Grammar School has shared with the Courier some photographs of its first years, who joined the school in August and have taken the challenge in their stride.

## Improvement plan

The school has also shared an improvement plan outlining the monthly steps in attainment; learning and teaching; health and well-being, numeracy and literacy and self evaluation which the school plans to take ahead of an inspection in January 2021.

It comes after an Education Scotland report said in January this year that the school had made 'insufficient progress' to tackle problems highlighted at its previous inspection.

The plan also outlines the following points/aims:

■ Senior leaders should provide a more purposeful vision of how the school judges its own performance in driving further improvements.

■ The Learning Support Department is well appointed and young people enjoy attending; staff know them and their needs well.

■ Staff now have a clearer understanding of the priorities in improving young people's learning successes and achievements.

■ Most young people are better

motivated and engaged in their learning.

■ Almost all teachers provide clear instructions and explanations and the majority use questioning well.

■ Staff have been developing approaches which involve young people more actively in their learning.

■ Staff continue to make improvements to the curriculum in broad general education from S1 to S3.

■ The school has increased the

range of learner pathways and qualifications that young people can choose in the senior phase. Young people in S4 to S6 can now take six courses instead of five.

■ The school has refreshed its vision, values and aims and has taken some early steps towards involving young people, parents, staff and partner agencies more purposefully.

■ Senior leaders have begun to develop a positive working relationship as a team.



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# Spirited communities embrace



Tess MacKinnon, with staff member Zoë Glendinning, receives her free treats from McKellars Confectionery.



Alexandra Black, six, Campbeltown, dressed as Anna from Frozen.



One-year-old Riley Graham, Campbeltown, as a dragon.

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Towns and villages throughout Kintyre showed incredible community spirit by embracing new Hallowe'en traditions this year.

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, the official government advice was to stay at home and avoid going out guising this Hallowe'en but, despite these restrictions, people found other ways to celebrate.

In Campbeltown, a HalloWee Toon Witch Walk Facebook page was set up, encouraging people to decorate their homes spookily so people could walk around town to see them in a physically distanced manner.

A map was created, showing all the haunted homes and businesses taking part. The decorations were so impressive there were calls for it to become an annual event.

Last Thursday, Friday and on Hallowe'en itself, McKellars Confectionery on Main Street gave away sweets and juice - while adhering to all rules and restrictions - to children who visited in their costumes.

Zoë Glendinning from the sweet shop said: "The children

were so pleased that they were allowed to go somewhere dressed up and be able to tell us their jokes or songs!

"We painted our faces and made an effort for them as well."

In Glenbarr, where there would usually be a party for the children, the community decided instead to decorate the village with scarecrows, specially painted rocks and pumpkins.

The children also received Hallowe'en treats from the villagers who, in a display of rural community spirit, came together and brought Hallowe'en to Glenbarr despite wind and rain.

Clachan residents also showed their community spirit with all families with children given pumpkins - thanks to Tesco for donating a voucher - and asked to put their lanterns outside on Hallowe'en evening.

Several people worked hard to make a spooky trail starting at Longrigg and ending at Clachan Filling Station.

Permission was given to use the Kilcalmonell Free Church grounds which gave extra scope for scariness.

Despite the weather doing

its worst, many children and parents wandered around the displays and got thoroughly frightened.

There was also an online fancy dress and pumpkin-carving competition for children and adults, with prizes galore, run by Funky Chicken.

Last week we shared some photographs of Kintyre's youngsters in their spooky costumes. This week, we are able to share some more.



Charlotte Graham, eight months, Campbeltown, celebrated her first Hallowe'en by dressing as a little witch.

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Above: Peyton Robertson, three, Campbeltown, as a pussy cat. Top left: Mullen siblings Aria, two, David, three, and Amara, five, Campbeltown. David was a spider for the third year and Aria and Amara were skeletons. Left and below: A ghoulish display in Clachan and scarecrows at Glenbarr.

# e Hallowe'en with a difference



Mia Armour, aged eight, as Mary Poppins and Millie McPherson, aged three, as a sassy little spider. Both girls are from the Sound of Kintyre.



Clockwise from left: Amaya Ronald, 16 months, Campbeltown, as a wee Dalmatian; John Mackenzie, six, from Saddell, who dressed up as a lifeboat crew member and was excited to get his photograph taken beside Campbeltown RNLI's lifeboat; The Lavery-Jones siblings, from left: Joshua, 11, from the Scream Movie, Ffion, seven, a witch's cat, and Jacob, nine, as a skull creeper, from Carradale; Scott Shields, aged 10, from Campbeltown, as Black Panther; and Kerr Campbell, from Campbeltown, who celebrated his sixth birthday as well as Hallowe'en as an army man.



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## Will's well-deserved recognition

Will Anderson's High Street Heroes Award came as welcome news this week.

While many people, in many different roles, worked tirelessly to support the community during lockdown, Will's efforts didn't go unnoticed by his customers, particularly the person who nominated him for the award.

Opening a new business at any time must be challenging but to deal with something so unprecedented, just a few months in, takes a lot of guts.

As his nomination said, his work sourcing products to ensure his shelves remained stocked meant people did not have to travel to buy essentials during the peak of the lockdown.

## End of an era

It will be strange for Campbeltown to exist without McIlcheres in the centre of Main Street. Over the years, the smell of sausages and bacon cooking has tempted many people into the shop, who were no doubt then further tempted by one of Argyll Bakeries' Danish pastries.

McIlcheres provided many youngsters with their first Saturday or holiday job and the town won't be the same without it.

It is, however, heartening to see another local business expanding and prospering at a time when so many are struggling – good luck to Linda McLean with her move across the street.

Several other businesses have opened up in recent weeks or are preparing to open soon. Hopefully the pandemic has helped remind us of the value of our high street shops.

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## Fish farm planning application views

Following recent comments in the local press, I would like to provide an update about MOWI's application for a new salmon farm in Kilbrannan Sound.

At the time of writing, there are 84 letters of objection and 20 of support. Of those 20, six are employees of MOWI and a further seven are employees of companies who directly benefit from contracts with MOWI.

Only five would appear to have no direct personal financial interest in the application.

Several of these letters are clearly copied from a template, perhaps instructed by their employer.

It is hard for the 84 objectors, who are probably mostly local people or regular visitors, to compete with the money that MOWI is prepared to put behind its increasingly desperate attempts to force yet another fish farm on unwilling communities.

Clearly, almost the only people who want a salmon farm are those who stand to make personal financial gain from it. Can there be a clearer indication of how undesirable farms are?

I suggest local people who have the long-term interests of the region at heart – as opposed to the short-term economic interests that MOWI has – make their views known to the council, referring to planning application 20/01345/MFF.

Use your own words and make clear that you are not employed by any salmon farming company.

Can I ask councillors, when considering the application, to attend to the views of the people you represent, rather than overseas companies?

**Ed Tyler, Scottish Green Party, Argyll and Bute Branch.**

## A83 Glen Croe option

It was interesting to read that Argyll and Bute Council favours the Glen Croe option running adjacent to A83 to be a permanent solution to this ongoing threat.

I hope this means using the forestry road on the opposite side of the valley 'adjacent' to the current A83. This really does seem to be the ideal solution.

Yes, it would no doubt cost a lot but the alter-

natives mean an ongoing struggle with no really sound final solution to this serious problem.

Argyll and Bute residents/businesses have been amazingly patient over the years but we all live with the knowledge the current road is unsafe and dangerous and the day could easily come when we hear of a fatal accident due to yet another landslide.

Argyll has always been a beautiful, special part of Scotland.

What a boost it would be to the economy for visitors to come here with no threat to their lives as they travel in.

The expense of completing this major new road would be more than justified in a prosperous new outlook for our beloved Argyll.

Scotland has boasted great engineers in its past history, let's trust there are still those out there capable of the task.

**Moreen Moller, Clachan.**

## Course will help people come to terms with sight loss

A free online confidence-building course to help people in Argyll and Bute find their lives again after losing sight will be available later this month.

Living with Sight Loss is being run by the charity RNIB Scotland over four Thursdays starting on November 26 until December 17. It will take place from 10.30am to 11.30am.

If you're living with sight loss in Argyll and Bute, this course can help provide the practical and emotional support you need to face the future with confidence.

Living with Sight Loss offers a combination of online sessions and talks about what help and support is available and how it can be accessed. A range of different themes will be covered, including mobility and daily living, emotional support and well-being, assistive technology, eye health, peer support and leisure time.

Family and friends are also invited to participate.

The course is part of RNIB Scotland's Need to Talk initiative, funded by the European Union's Interreg programme to support people in peripheral communities.

As well as Argyll and Bute, the course is available to people in Arran, Ayrshire, Cumbrae,

Dumfries and Galloway, Lochaber, Skye and Lochalsh and the Western Isles.

If you would like to refer someone, or find out more information about the Living with Sight Loss course, please contact me, Richard, on 028 90 334144 or email needtotalk@rnib.org.uk

**Richard Craig, RNIB confidence building co-ordinator.**

## Remember pets on November 5

With fireworks season upon us, Blue Cross is urging people to consider the devastating effect they can have on pets and people and to be considerate of their neighbours this Bonfire Night.

Twenty five per cent of UK households are planning to have fireworks at home this year due to the cancellation of organised events.

We know only too well the fear and distress fireworks cause to pets, with 70 per cent of owners reporting their pets being affected – trembling, being physically sick and being too frightened to leave the house for days after.

We would urge people to let their neighbours know if they're planning to have fireworks and also to use low-noise fireworks and sparklers this year where possible for the sake of pets and people who may struggle with them across the country.

**Claire Stallard, animal behaviourist, Blue Cross.**

## Working animals in developing world need help

Key workers in Britain are rightly receiving the recognition and appreciation they deserve, with NHS staff, care workers and delivery drivers among the professions that have been praised for their heroic efforts this year.

But some of the most essential workers in developing countries worldwide are continually overlooked and neglected.

Working animals play a key role in the world's poorest communities and help provide a livelihood for more than half a billion people.

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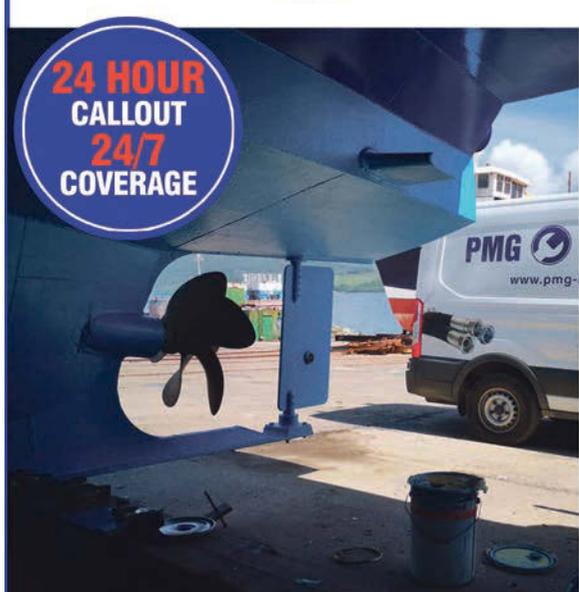
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conditions, with poor nutrition and no access to veterinary treatment when they are sick or injured.

At the animal charity the Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad (SPANA), we believe working animals overseas should receive the respect, compassion and vital veterinary care they desperately need.

On International Working Animal Day - November 19 - please find out how you can show your support for these hardworking animals by visiting [www.spana.org/iwad](http://www.spana.org/iwad).

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

## Key role of occupational therapists

This week marks Occupational Therapy Week - November 2 to November 8 - and I want to personally thank these unsung heroes who make a difference to so many lives.

As someone living with a terminal illness, I am a day patient at the Marie Curie Edinburgh hospice and I never imagined occupational therapists would play such a vital role in my life.

As well as relevant classes to ease conditions, such as fatigue, anxiety and breathlessness, they have also made sure I can continue living independently at home.

Their constant support and advice has kept me safe in these unprecedented times and without occupational therapists, my life - like so many others - would be very different to what it is today. Thank you.

**Helen Hogg, Midlothian.**

## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This year's Hallowe'en was even eerier than usual because it coincided with a full moon, something which, according to folklore, causes werewolves to take on their beastly forms.

Eva Wolfram, from Campbeltown, sent the Courier this photograph, taken from Peninver, of the nearly full moon rising above Arran last Friday evening.

She said: 'There was such stillness and beauty in between days of squalls and gale

force winds. I appreciated it by going for an impromptu twilight walk on the beach. We're lucky to live in all this beauty.'

**If you have photographs you would like to share, please send them, with some background information, to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk**

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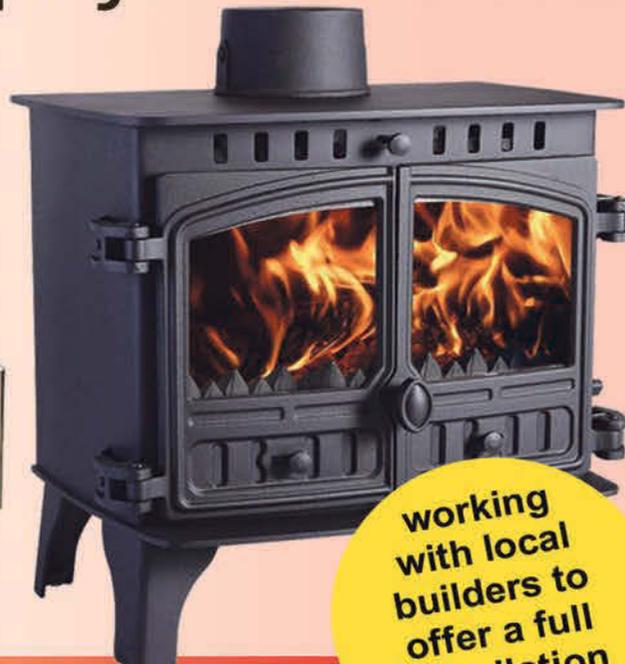
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## FROM OUR FILES

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**Friday November**  
**5, 2010**  
School closure plans  
to be re-examined

The decision to consult on the possible closure of 26 rural schools was deferred for three weeks at a special meeting of Argyll and Bute Council.

Council officers have been ordered to reassess facts within school closure proposals to clarify any 'fundamental flaws'.

Executive director for education Cleland Sneddon gave an assurance to children that they would not be forced to travel for more than 45 minutes to their new school.

Any such school would immediately be excluded from threat of closure.

He also did not rule out other schools being crossed off the list of amalgamations 'if there were reasons to keep them open, drawn out from the consultation process'.

'Flaws' identified by council-



In 2010: The next generation of Glenbarr pupils joined in the parents' protest.

lors included travel times to school, safe routes to school, roll numbers and capacity.

Campbeltown Councillor Donald Kelly, of Argyll First, said: 'These proposals are fun-

damentally flawed. How were they put forward as fact?'

Mr Sneddon answered: 'The parents who have come to protest outside the council chambers have proved there are many more questions to be answered but the proposals are not fundamentally flawed.'

Islay-based Councillor Robin Currie demanded any future consultation meetings should be held in schools closing rather than in the receiving schools as planned.

He said: 'Glenbarr, Skipness and Rhunahaorine should have separate consultations in their individual schools rather than one consultation in the receiving school.'

Council leader Dick Walsh said the controlling group of the SNP and Alliance of Independent Councillors had decided to take an 'agreed approach' to moving forward with the document.

**TWENTY FIVE**  
**YEARS AGO**  
**Friday November**  
**10, 1995****Phosphorus**  
**devices may be RAF**  
**firebombs**

The Ministry of Defence believes it has identified the phosphorus devices which have been washing up on beaches in Argyll recently as RAF Second World War incendiary bombs.

More than 1,500 were washed up in Kintyre, Gigha, Islay and Jura last month. In total, around 4,500 have been washed up in Argyll, north Ayrshire and Arran.

At first the MoD denied the devices were part of any weapon and claimed no phosphorus weapons were ever dumped off the West of Scotland.

But last week Defence Minister Michael Portillo told MPs experts now believe they were part of a type of 30lb incendiary bomb used by the RAF during the Second World War.

The Ministry of Defence is now trying to find out the source of the phosphorus devices.

Although the main under-

water munitions dump was in Beaufort's Dyke, between Larne and Stranraer, there was at least one other dump in the Firth of Clyde.

There have been suggestions that weapons, including poison gas, were dumped outside the recognised disposal areas.

The Scottish Office has promised a pollution survey of the Beaufort's Dyke area this month to check for sea contamination by leaking munitions.

Argyll and Bute MP Mrs Ray Michie said she hoped to raise the issue of the firebombs next Wednesday in the House of Commons.

She said: 'If one good thing has come out of this it is that it has focused the attention of government departments on the danger of munitions dumping.'

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday**  
**November 5, 1970**  
**Sanda stamps'**  
**'curiosity value'**

On Monday, 3,000 sets of extraordinary stamps will be issued and distributed to stamp collectors in Britain and the USA.

The set of six seabirds, when in shops, will surprise and delight many people. It will not be issued by a country but by little Sanda Island, or to be more exact, Campbeltown stamp dealer Mr Malcolm Kelly.

The issuing of sets of 'British private locals' as they are called began in the 1930s as a means of prepaying the cost of ferrying letters and parcels from remote islands not served by the regular mail-boat to the mainland.

Mr Kelly, 68, of Davaar Avenue, is a part-time lighthouse keeper on Sanda and he approached the owner of the island, Jack Bruce, and obtained his consent to produce the stamps.

The set will be printed in full colour.

The birds featured on the stamps will be puffin, gannet, oystercatcher, black-backed gull, tern and cormorant, all of which are familiar sights

around the island. A sheet of mint stamps - that is, those which are unfranked - will cost 8s 6d; the used sheet will cost 6s 6d and a set stuck on a special illustrated envelope will be sold at 10s 6d.

To date, Mr Kelly has had 'a few orders locally'. He expects to receive further orders for the sets which he believes have a 'curiosity value'.

**ONE HUNDRED**  
**YEARS AGO**  
**Saturday,**  
**November 6, 1920**  
**Gigha – Harvest**  
**home and dance**

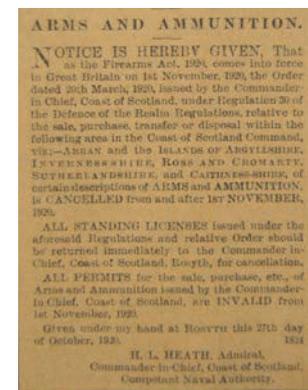
Through the generosity of Major and Miss Allen of Gigha and of Brackley, Northamptonshire, the annual harvest home and dance was held at Home Farm on Friday October 22.

Invitations being issued to all over school age, a large company assembled and dancing commenced at 8pm. Mr Neil Bannatyne acted as MC in his usual efficient manner. The dance music was supplied by Mr Arch. Milloy who, assisted by several of the company, capably fulfilled his part.

Liberal refreshments were provided at intervals, much credit being due to Mrs M'Lachlan, Miss Tilling, Mr Hector Smith and their assistants.

Dancing carried on till 3am and before parting, hearty votes of thanks, proposed by Mr Smith, farm manager, were accorded to Major and Miss Allen for their great kindness.

Similar compliments, proposed by Mr Duncan M'Kenzie, gardener, were given to Mrs M'Lachlan, Miss Tilling, Mr Smith and their assistants.

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# A previously unpublished war diary

## Gunner Neil MacLean's son shares his father's prisoner camp memories

In June this year, at the time of the 80th anniversary of the 51st Highland Division's surrender to overwhelming German forces at St Valéry-en-Caux during the Second World War, the Courier appealed to readers to share their stories.

Many soldiers were killed and wounded during the battle, and thousands were taken as prisoners of war afterwards, something which had a huge effect for many years on towns including Campbeltown.

Calum MacLean, from Kintyre Gardens, got in touch offering to share with the Courier his father Neil's previously unpublished war diary, written after he became a prisoner of war at Stalag XXB camp following the 51st Highland Division's surrender.

Neil's children, Calum, Elizabeth and Roddy, knew nothing of the diary's existence and only discovered it after his death.

Neil, who was born in 1909 and lived to be 94 years old, was working at the creamery in Campbeltown when he was called up for the war.

He was meant to be getting married that year but it was put on hold.

Jessie, who was from Glasgow, waited the five years he was a prisoner of war.

The couple married not long after Neil returned home. They had twins, Calum and Elizabeth, in August 1946. In later years, Calum joked with his dad that he made up for lost time!

Two years after the twins were born, the couple welcomed son Roddy.

Sharon Scott, Neil's granddaughter, painstakingly transcribed the 7,000-word diary, which was written in Neil's style-of-the-time handwriting.

As well as the diary, Calum provided several photographs of Neil, taken during and after the war.

After some delays in acquiring the diary and photographs, caused by the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, it seemed fitting to begin serialising the diary this week, ahead of Remembrance Sunday, as everyone's thoughts turn to servicemen and women who fought in the two World Wars and later conflicts.

### June 12 1940

Went into action at St Valéry on June 11 1940 and had a very doubtful time, but had no thoughts of being taken prisoner. My first thoughts of

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**A prisoner of war working party photographed at Stalag XXB camp in Poland in 1943. Neil can be seen in the middle row, first on the left. He is joined by several fellow Campbeltownians: Alex McKinven, his friend and future best man, back row, first left; Duncan McLachlan, back row, fourth right; and Finlay Huie, back row, first right.**

the Germans were not very high as one of them had taken my box of matches. Entered St Valéry with Alex McKinven but during the bombing and shelling I lost him.

When captured we were marched off to a field near by where I lay down nearly exhausted and by the time we were ready to move off, my clothes were dry (which got wet when trying to board the warships).

We were gathered together and marched off until darkness and put into another field. We received one tin of McConnachie rations between five men, just a mouthful, but it tasted lovely as it was my first taste of food for about four days.

Then we lay down with the grass for a bed and the sky for a blanket, as when captured I had nothing with me, just as I came out of the water after trying to reach the boats. I had no smokes, just when I could have done with one.

### June 13 1940

When I woke up, I thought I was still dreaming, as I had a restless night with the Germans after matches, as the field was packed with 100s

of our bags and 1,000 French soldiers.

The German soldiers were round the outside of the field with machine guns etc. Breakfast, we had a small piece of bread and cheese, then we were sorted out from the French.

We were just ready to move out when some new prisoners were moving in and Alex with them, so I went over and had a few words with him and started our journey from there together. Marched all day till darkness. I thought I would never manage the end of the journey but managed to crawl on till we were put into another field. Nothing to eat, so off to bed with Alex.

### June 14 1940

Up at day break and off once again, nothing for breakfast, but did not feel too bad.

Marched all the time up to June 22. Route of the march: June 1940, kips: 14th - Forgesles, 22; 15th - Ligniers Chatelaime, 25; 16th - Arraines, 23; 17th - REST Catalion; 18th - Donnait-en-thil, 32; 19th - Doullens, 25; 20th - St Pols, 32; 21st - Bethume, 27; 22nd - Seclin, 37; 23rd - Tournai (Belgium),



during the day. After my first day marching, I still feel fine and fit, many of the boys had to fall out and they were put in a lorry.

### June 23 1940

We left France and entered Belgium. My first sight of Belgium looked wonderful after leaving what had seemed a dreary France. We did not get many snacks here as the people were frightened from the guards. Met most of our officers here and had a few words with Captain Lewis and received 100f between five of us.

Nothing exciting happened in Belgium but still very hungry. Some lovely houses there.

Continued in next week's Courier.

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# Final chapter of Canadian memoirs

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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The final chapter of a Campbeltown-born man's memoirs, recounting his life after emigrating to Canada, has been released a year after his death.

Came To Canada, Eh? Adventures of a Scottish Nomad is the second volume of Ian Moore-Morrans's autobiography, penned before his death in 2019, and edited and released by his wife Gayle.

The first volume of Ian's memoirs, From Poverty to Poverty: A Scotsman Encounters Canada, covers the years 1932 to 1970, and begins by telling of the 'abject poverty' in which Ian's family lived in Campbeltown.

It describes his teenage years, after leaving school at 14, working as a blacksmith's apprentice, joining the Army Cadets and playing in a Salvation Army band.

The book goes on to talk of his joining the Royal Air Force at 18, serving in the UK and Egypt, his return to civilian life, his marriage to his first

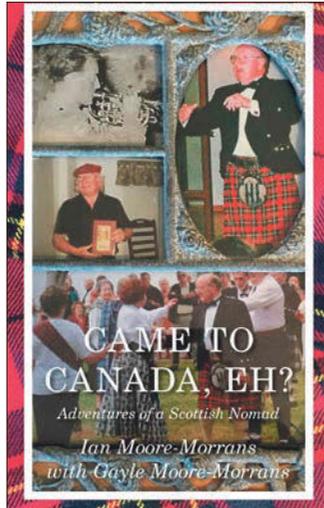
wife Mary and becoming a father to daughters Audrey and Shirley, and the family's eventual emigration to Canada.

The latest instalment, covering the years 1970 to 2004, invites readers on the journey that took Ian and Mary back and forth across six Canadian provinces, with multiple stops along the way, as he struggled to survive and thrive in the face of countless obstacles that would likely have stopped a lesser man in his tracks.

In the book's prologue, Ian writes: 'As in the first volume of my memoirs, to the best of my memory, all the stories are true. I have chosen in a few instances to alter the names of some of the characters to maintain their privacy, and have noted those instances where the characters first appear.'

'Most of this story was written when my name was still Ian Morrans. The name on my birth certificate is John Morrans, but I was always called Ian, the Scottish Gaelic equivalent of John.'

'Sometime after I immigrated to Canada, I legally



The front cover of *Came To Canada, Eh? Adventures of a Scottish Nomad* by Ian and Gayle Moore-Morrans, and the happy couple celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary in September 2018.



changed my first name to Ian. My surname change happened in 2003 when I remarried after I lost Mary, my first wife. The maiden name of Gayle, my second wife, is Moore. When we married, we adopted the new family name Moore-Morrans.' Despite moving to Canada in his early 30s and falling in love with his adopted homeland,

Ian remained a Scotsman 'to the core', Gayle says.

She said: 'Ian's closest friends when he was growing up in Campbeltown were Ian Brodie and Ian MacKenzie, both since deceased, and George McMillan.'

'As miserable as much of his early life was in Campbeltown, he still maintained an appreci-

ation for the musical training and opportunities he received there, and a real affection for the Wee Toon, its beauty and its people. And he surely never let anyone forget that he remained Scottish to his very core, even though he cherished becoming a Canadian as well.'

In 1976 and 2000, Ian returned to Campbeltown, where

his mother 'Wee Chrissie' Moorhead, nee Morrans, and step-father Bill - also known as Willy - Moorhead are buried.

Gayle has not had the opportunity to visit Ian's hometown but hopes to in the future. While here, she hopes to meet some of the members of the Facebook group 'Old Campbeltown and surrounding area' with whom she has become acquainted as she shares anecdotes and photographs of Ian's life.

The Covid-19 pandemic has denied Gayle the chance to hold book readings but she hopes to offer a virtual book launch, recorded at her home in downtown Winnipeg, Manitoba, which will be shared on YouTube and her website at <https://ianmooremorrans.com> in the near future.

She said: 'I will also include in the launch a few videos taken of scenes Ian wrote about in *Came To Canada, Eh?*, in which he shared some of his melodic singing voice at a musical production in Flin Flon, Manitoba, in 1998 and at our wedding reception in Winnipeg in 2003.'



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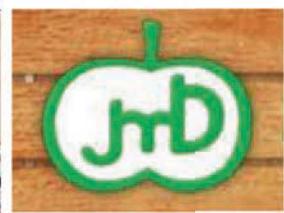
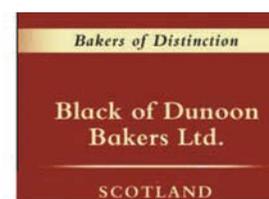
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## Agricultural society to hold virtual winter show

Undeterred by the fact that Covid-19 restrictions mean Kintyre Agricultural Society (KAS) cannot hold its usual winter show this year, the society is planning to hold a virtual show through its Facebook page during December.

The format would see each exhibitor record a 30-to-40-second film of their animal and send it to secretary John Armour.

The films would be posted on the KAS Facebook page for public viewing, with a judge appointed for each section. Animals would be shown unaltered and in a natural state.

The sections are as follows:

**Dairy:** Holstein and Ayrshire: Class 1: calf; Class 2: heifer in milk or in calf; Class 3: cow in milk or in calf.

**Beef:** Class 1: bullock calf;



Kintyre Agricultural Society is running a virtual winter show this year.

Class 2: heifer calf; Class 3: cow.

**Clydesdale:** Class 1: mare; Class 2: male, Class 3: foal.

**Horse and pony:** Class 1: pony 14.2 hands and under; Class 2: horse over 14.2 hands. (There would perhaps also be mounted classes if there was interest.)

**Sheep:** Blackfaced, Leicester, Texel, AOB: Class 1: tup; Class 2: ewe/gimmer; Class 3: tup hogg/lamb; Class 4: ewe hogg/lamb. Entries will be restricted

to members only – except horse and ponies – and two entries per class per exhibitor.

Anyone interested in taking part is asked to let the secretary know what entries they intend to have before Saturday November 14, to allow time to decide what judges are required and put final details in place.

Email secretary John Armour at tirfergus01@btconnect.com or phone on 01586 810231 (day) or 01586 552404 (evening).

## Around the markets

**United Auctions, Tiree, Friday October 30:** sold 741 suckled calves and store cattle and 52 cast cows. Bullocks sold to £1,300, for a 683kg, CharX from M/s MacLean, Heylipol Farm to average £826.50 (+£126.50) while heifers sold to £1320 for a 677kg, CharX, also from Heylipol Farm to average £745.10 (+£134.91). Bullocks sold to 322p/kg, for two, 236kg Lim crosses from Mr I Brown, 6 Barrapoll to average 237.94p/kg (+31.49p) and heifers sold to 340p/kg for two, 324kg Lim crosses from Mr I MacKinnon, Parkhouse to average 238.73p/kg (+41.75p). A good offering of quality bred cattle in all ages was presented to a strong force of mainland buyers resulting in all sellers returning home from the sale in a jubilant mood.

### Leading prices and lots:

Bullocks – AAx - £1200, 6 Barrapoll; £1170, £1150, £1110, 1070(8), Croish; £1030, Hillcrest; £1010(6), Croish; £1000(2), Whitehouse; £990, Hillcrest; £960(2), Croish; £920(3), Ruaig. BSHx - £795(2), Heylipol Farm; £750, Hillcrest. BRBx - £1015(2), Ruaig; £980, £850(2), Ruaig. BAX

- £960(2), £875, Lochphuill. CHARx - £1300, £1220, £1200, Heylipol Farm; £1190(2), 4 Kilkenneth; £1185(3), Heylipol Farm; £1170, Salum; £1140(3), Heylipol Farm; £1120(4), Braeside; £1080(2), £1050, Salum; £1050, Heylipol Farm; £1050, Braeside; £1050, Salum; £1045, Braeside; £1020, Salum; £995(2), Braeside; £990(4), £980(3), Heylipol Farm; £970 & £960, Salum; £940, Braeside; £940, Ruaig; £940(5), Heylipol Farm; £930, Braeside; £910(4), Salum; £900(2), Heylipol Farm; £900, Garaphail. LIMx - £1270, Heylipol Farm; £1110, Parkhouse; £1090, Braeside; £1080, Heylipol Farm; £1070, Parkhouse; £1060, Heylipol Farm; £1060, 7 Balinoe; £1040(2), Ruaig; £1030, Hillcrest; £1020, Skipinnis; £1010, Ruaig; £990, Parkhouse; £975, Hillcrest; £970, Parkhouse; £955(2), £950(5), £940(4), Heylipol Farm; £940, Parkhouse; £925, Mannal; £920(3), Hillcrest; £910, Mannal; £905(5), 3 Kenovay; £900, 6 Balevullin; £900(3), Ruaig; £900(2), Hillcrest; £900(8), Parkhouse. SALx - £1070(3), Drumaglea; £1035, 10 Balevullin; £1020, 5 Balevullin; £1010, 6 Crossapol; £1000(2),

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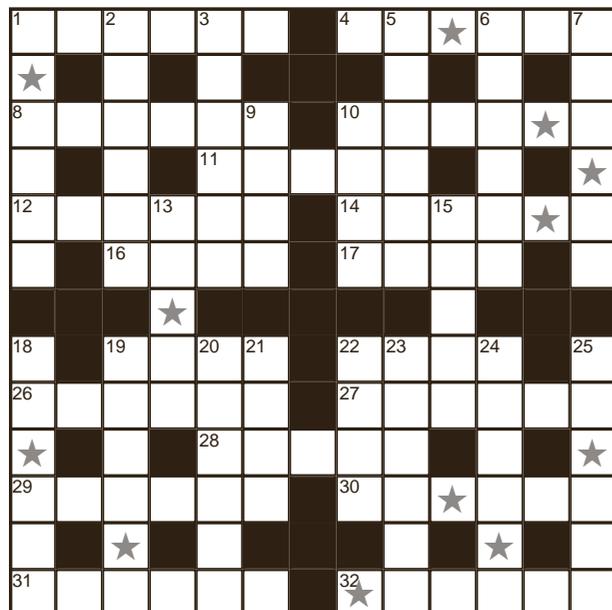


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### ACROSS

1. Ascends (6)
4. Expresses coherently (6)
8. Sprinkles (6)
10. Middle (6)
11. Norma (anag.) (5)
12. Sprinter (6)
14. Closed securely (6)
16. Pitch (4)
17. Rim (4)
19. In addition to (4)
22. Leave out (4)
26. Natural gift (6)
27. Disappear (6)
28. More secure (5)
29. One or other (6)
30. Equestrians (6)
31. Is forbidden to (6)
32. Strains (6)

### DOWN

1. Faint-hearted person (6)
2. Determined (6)
3. Infertile (6)
5. Unwrapped (6)
6. Bovine animals (6)
7. Pays out (6)
9. Painful (4)
10. Valise (4)
13. Of high birth (5)
15. Another time (5)
18. Rivulet (6)
19. Shallow dishes (6)
20. Hidden (6)
21. Celebrity (4)
22. At an end (4)
23. Naval soldier (6)
24. Large cats (6)
25. Spectres (6)

Each question has four possible answers and is worth from one to 15 points. Circle your chosen answers and keep a record of your points total. Maximum total points 120.

# The Accumulator Quiz

**QUESTION 1 – for 1 point:**  
Which of these animals lives in a warren?

- A Squirrel
- B Rabbit
- C Fox
- D Badger

**QUESTION 2 – for 2 points:**  
According to the saying, what should not be thrown out with the bathwater?

- A Cat
- B Fish
- C Duck
- D Baby

**QUESTION 3 – for 3 points:**  
What name is given to immature oyster larvae?

- A Spat
- B Brat
- C Gnat
- D Drat

**QUESTION 4 – for 4 points:**  
Which of the following trades is involved with horses?

- A Milliner
- B Farrier
- C Cobbler
- D Cooper

**QUESTION 5 – for 5 points:**  
According to The Beatles song, who is in the sky with diamonds?

- A Lily
- B Lucy
- C Layla
- D Lola

**QUESTION 6 – for 6 points:**  
The British Army recruits Gurkha soldiers from which country?

- A Sri Lanka
- B Bhutan
- C Bangladesh
- D Nepal



Actor Brad Pitt. See Question 7

**QUESTION 7 – for 7 points:**  
Actor Brad Pitt starred in which 2013 zombie-themed film?

- A World War Z
- B Warm Bodies
- C I Am Legend
- D Shaun of the Dead

**QUESTION 8 – for 8 points:**  
What are all of the following: Pinwheel, Sombrero, Whirlpool and Seyfert?

- A Types of fingerprint
- B Moving parts in a clock
- C Galaxies
- D Types of seashell

**QUESTION 9 – for 9 points:**  
What do James Stewart, Tony Benn, Laurence Olivier and Roald Dahl have in common?

- A All World War II pilots
- B All ordained as priests
- C All have the same birthday
- D All sons of noblemen

**QUESTION 10 – for 10 points:**  
Agent 007 first asks for a 'Martini – shaken not stirred' in which James Bond film?

- A Dr No
- B Diamonds are Forever
- C You Only Live Twice
- D Goldfinger

**QUESTION 11 – for 11 points:**  
In terms of area, which is the largest member of the United Arab Emirates?

- A Abu Dhabi
- B Dubai
- C Ajman
- D Sharjah

**QUESTION 12 – for 12 points:**  
Triton and Nereid are moons of which planet?

- A Neptune
- B Jupiter
- C Mars
- D Saturn

**QUESTION 13 – for 13 points:**  
Balmoral Castle stands on which river?

- A Dee
- B Tay
- C Tweed
- D Esk

**QUESTION 14 – for 14 points:**  
Which acid is found in ants and is named after the Latin word for an ant?

- A Prussic acid
- B Nitric acid
- C Formic acid
- D Chromic acid

**QUESTION 15 – for 15 points:**  
Which canal links Antwerp and Liège, in Belgium?

- A Leopold Canal
- B Canal du Centre
- C Albert Canal
- D Ghent-Terneuzen Canal

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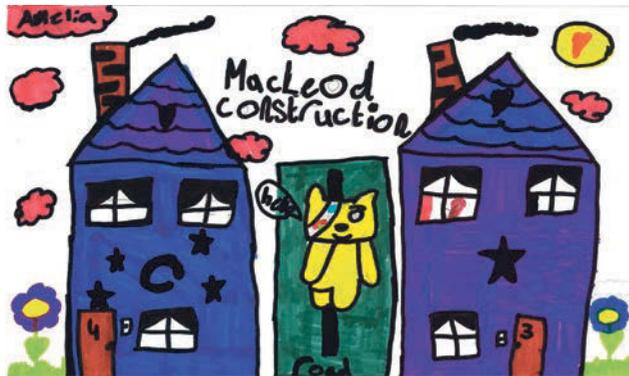
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# BBC Children In Need launches its 2020 fundraising campaign with an urgent appeal to the public to show their support for the UK's children and young people, as new survey highlights the impact of the pandemic on their wellbeing



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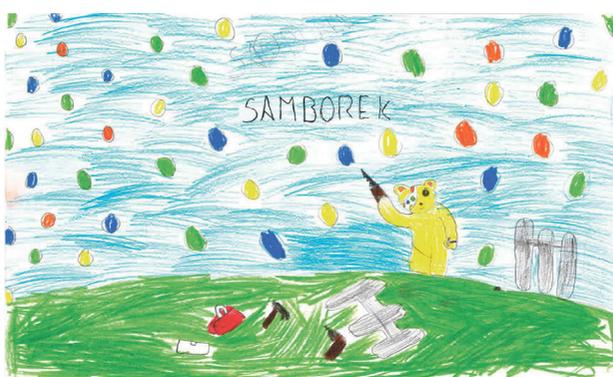
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To launch BBC Children in Need's 2020 fundraising Appeal – Together, we can – a YouGov poll on behalf of BBC Children in Need has shed light on the impact of recent events on children and young people across Britain, six months after the UK went into lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The survey also offers insight into the issues that matter most to young people and their hopes for the future.

The nationwide survey of 831 parents and 697 children and young people respectively reveals that:

- 94% of children and young people have had cause to feel worried, sad or anxious in the last six months.
- More than half of parents (54%) feel that lockdown has had a negative effect on their child's overall happiness and wellbeing
- 52% of children and young people say that they have felt more lonely during the past six months than they did before lockdown
- Six months after lockdown, nearly half (45%) of parents feel that their child displays more feelings of worry or anxiety than they did before
- Over half of parents

(58%) feel that the events of the last six months (since lockdown) will have a negative effect on their child's future career and education prospects

- Three in ten children and young people (30%) feel it will be harder to get the job or career they want after the pandemic
- When asked about the issues which mattered most to them, over half of children and young people (59%) selected racism as an issue that was important to them personally. Climate change/global warming was also a concern, with 56% stating that this was important to them
- When asked which one world issue they would most like to see improve or get better, 22% of children and young people selected climate change/global warming, followed by coronavirus (13%)
- In terms of their hopes for the future, having a happy life is most important to children and parents alike. 74% of children wished for a happy life. 57% also said getting a good job was important to them. When asked about their one greatest wish for their child's future, 66% of parents said that their child



having a happy life was most important, followed by them enjoying good health, with 20% of parents saying that was their greatest wish for their child.

The online surveys of 831 parents with children aged 5-18 years old\* and 697 children aged 6 – 18 years old\*\* were both carried out by YouGov on behalf of BBC Children in Need to launch the charity's 2020 Together, we can fundraising campaign. BBC Children in Need's 2020 campaign aims to inspire the nation to show their support for children and young people facing disadvantage across the UK, and demonstrate that Together, we can make a difference to young lives at this time of urgent need.

A number of celebrities have pledged their support for BBC Children in Need's Together, We Can 2020 campaign, including Ade Adepitan MBE, Zoe Ball, Nadiya Hussain and

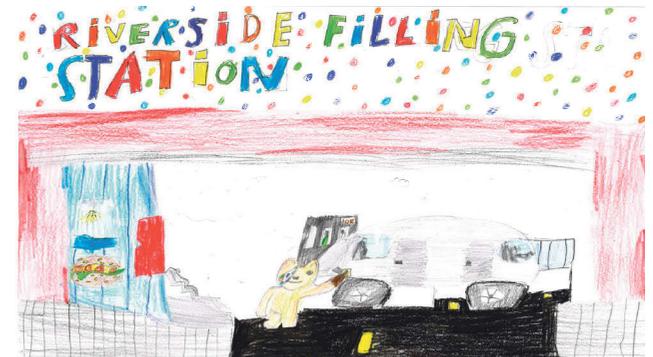
Joe Wicks: Ade Adepitan said: "The impact of Covid-19 on the lives of children and young people across the UK has been severe, and sadly, will likely be long-lasting. I have visited a number of BBC Children in Need funded projects in the past, and know the lifeline they offer to children in their time of need. This is a time of need. If you feel able to support this year, please do."

Zoe Ball commented: "This year's Appeal feels more important than ever given the situation we all find ourselves in, but there is hope. Extraordinary things happen when people join forces to make a difference. BBC Children in Need have accomplished incredible things over the years and that is only possible thanks to the public's generosity. Together, we really can make a difference."

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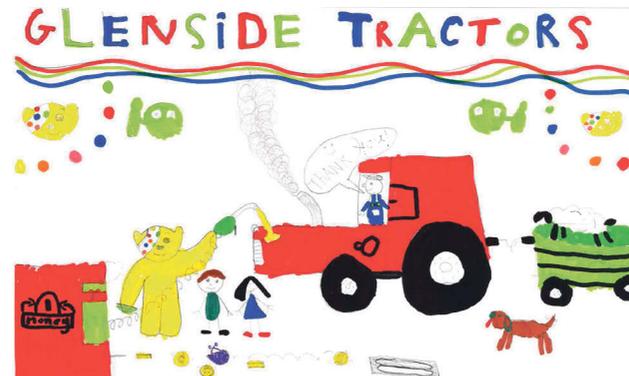
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# UK DRIVERS AND MOTORCYCLISTS UNCONVINCED BY PROPOSED NEW HIGHWAY CODE FEARING MORE CONFLICT WITH CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS

A recent survey has discovered that the majority of road users aren't in favour of many of the Department for Transport's proposed changes to the Highway Code which have been designed to improve road safety for cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders, believing that the changes will instead increase conflict and potentially reduce the safety of the vulnerable road users they are intended to protect.

In the survey, conducted by the UK's largest road safety charity IAM RoadSmart, 71 per cent of drivers and motorcyclists believe the new proposal to give pedestrians priority when turning into and out of junctions, for example, will increase conflict rather than reducing

it, with more than half (57 per cent) thinking this will be a significant issue.

Of the 3,600 web poll respondents, 74 per cent believe that children should be allowed to cycle on the pavement, but only 23 per cent feel that cyclists in general should have the same rights.

Almost three quarters (73 per cent) think that the new Highway Code should make it compulsory for cyclists to wear a helmet, in contrast to the proposed Code itself which, while restating the evidence that wearing a cycle helmet reduces the risk of sustaining a head injury in certain circumstances, stops short of making them compulsory.

Meanwhile, 71 per cent of

people agree with the general concept that drivers and riders should give motorcyclists, cyclists, horse riders, horse drawn vehicles and pedestrians walking in the road at least as much room as they would when overtaking a car.

On the new Code's most controversial suggestions - to establish a hierarchy of road users, where those in charge of the vehicles that can cause the greatest harm should bear the greatest responsibility to take care - the majority (56 per cent) agree that this is the right way forward, but 26 per cent are against and almost one in five (19 per cent) are still to be convinced either way.

The new Code doesn't suggest any obligation on cyclists

to use cycle lanes or tracks when they are present, and a resounding 80 per cent of IAM RoadSmart's poll respondents believe this is a mistake.

However, some of the proposed changes were met with widespread support, with 63 per cent of those surveyed agreeing with the new advice that when riding a bike on busy roads, when vehicles are moving faster than them, cyclists should move over and allow traffic to overtake them. There is also strong support for every proposal that contains clear guidelines on passing distances, with 78 per cent in favour of the one and a half-metre gap between cyclist and vehicle travelling below 30mph, with a two-metre gap

when above 30mph.

And 90 per cent agree with the new Code's advice that drivers and motorcyclists should give horse riders at least two metres' space and pass at speeds under 15 mph.

Finally, just over half (57 per cent) agree with the new proposal to include the 'Dutch Reach' in the Highway Code. This is a technique which advises motorists leaving their vehicles to do so by using their left hand to operate the door handle, allowing the driver to naturally twist their body, making it easier to look over their shoulder and check for cyclists or other road users approaching.

Neil Greig, Policy and Research Director at IAM RoadSmart,

said: "Regardless of what changes are introduced, it is clear there will be a need for a huge education campaign to ensure any amendments to the Highway Code are understood and fully adopted by the millions of existing UK drivers, motorcyclists and road users. At IAM RoadSmart we believe an online resource to help with this re-education in an engaging way would be helpful.

"The simple truth is that most of us don't read the Highway Code unless we drive or ride professionally, or are about to take a test. The Department for Transport needs to be realistic about the impact simply changing a seldom read document will have on the behavior and safety of road users."

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
20/01828/PP	Installation of replacement windows	20C Barochan Place, Argyll Street, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6AX
20/01605/LIB	Display of replacement signage including frosted window manifestation (illuminated and non-illuminated)	19 Longrow, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6ER
20/01827/LIB	Installation of replacement windows	20C Barochan Place, Argyll Street, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6AX
20/01664/PP	Erection of shed/outbuilding	Viewforth, Garval Road, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6TR
20/01735/PP	Amendment to planning permission 19/02123/PP (Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank). Alteration to position of dwellinghouse	Land North Of Dunmore Lodge, Dunmore, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
20/01651/PP	Erection of a dwellinghouse and siting of mobile unit for use as temporary accommodation	Port A'Buorain, Dalkeith Farm (Plot 5), Glenbarr, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
20/01793/PP	Alterations, extension and change of use of former nurse's residential accommodation to form dwellinghouse with associated garden ground and car parking	The Lodge, Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6JU

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## TARBERT (LOCH FYNE) HARBOUR AUTHORITY

### ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Due to the COVID-19 Restrictions in place throughout Scotland, this year's Annual Public Meeting of Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority will be held via 'Zoom Video Conferencing' on Thursday 26th November 2020 at 7.00 pm.

All interested parties should contact the Harbour Office to register their intention to join the meeting no later than 20th November 2020 and leave an e-mail address. If you do not register, you will be unable to join the meeting. Once registered, an invitation to the zoom meeting will be sent out via e-mail a few days before, together with the Chairman's Review and Annual Accounts.

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Copies of the Chairman's Review and Annual Accounts can also be viewed on our website: [www.tarbertharbour.co.uk](http://www.tarbertharbour.co.uk) after 20th November 2020.

D. Cunningham, Chairman

#### Agenda:

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Annual Accounts
5. Chairman's Review
6. Any other Business

## Ardrihaig Community Trust The Annual General Meeting

of Ardrihaig Community Trust will be held on Wednesday 18th November 2020, starting at 7:30pm.

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John Bishop was involved in the rehabilitation of Little White and Little Grey from captivity to freedom. This took the most amazing time of eight years of meticulous planning with vets, scientists, experts in the study of cetaceans and technical geniuses.

It is the wonderful story of Little White and Little Grey.

They are two beautiful belugas who lived their life in captivity in a tank in China and were used for entertainment.

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The SEA LIFE Trust Beluga Whale Sanctuary provides formerly captive beluga whales with a safe and more natural home.

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This change could potentially transform the lives of not only beluga whales but more than 3,000 other whales and dolphins currently housed in traditional captive facilities or performing in shows around the world.

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### ISLAY

## Parasitic plant an aid to verge management

A verge maintenance strategy which involves leaving verges to flowers and pollinators, cutting them late in the season after the flowers have finished, is to be trialled on Islay.

The concept has been promoted by wild plant conservation charity Plantlife and has already been adopted by councils up and down the country.

Islay Natural History Trust (INHT), The Botanist Foundation and Argyll and Bute Council will work together in a trial to seed areas of verge with yellow rattle, a native plant that subdues grass growth, with the goal of reducing the need for mid-season cutting.

The plan is to seed 4kms of verge around the north of Loch Gorm and Gruinart with yellow rattle this autumn.

Verge growth and development next season will be closely monitored and these areas will be cut late August or later, after the plants have seeded.

Fiona MacGillivray, INHT chairperson, said: 'If successful, the outcome will provide long-term benefits for flowers, habitat and council budgets, creating a win-win situation for both sides of the biodiversity and budget lobby.'

INHT and The Botanist Foundation, which will fund planting and monitoring, developed the plan in discussion with council leader Robin Currie and roads and amenity team leader Julian Green.

The group also talked about verges that provide space for orchids including areas around Port Wemyss and Portnahaven and the Mulreesh road, near Finlaggan. It was agreed short sections would be left for the orchids to flower and be cut and maintained by volunteers to ensure road safety.

Fiona added: 'Yellow rattle will be used as our catalyst for the suppression of grasses, the



**Yellow rattle is a native plant that subdues grass growth.**

growth of which ultimately creates the major need for cutting. This plant is an indicator species typically found in ancient meadows. It is an annual plant and requires the ability to set seed each year to persist in the grassland.

'It has a parasitic nature, its roots latching onto those of surrounding grasses pulling nutrients from the grass roots for its own growth, thus the grasses round these plants grow with less vigour.'

With grasses less dominant, the height of verge growth will be subdued and the need for mid-season cutting less urgent.

This will also provide an opportunity for other flowering plants like clovers to have space amongst the sward, providing more flowers for pollinating insects.

Flower-rich verges act as bridges across areas of sheep-grazed pasture and barley filled fields, linking many areas of great habitat that Islay supports.

Fiona added: 'Our verges on Islay are a mixed bag, some all grass, rampant in growth, others a more colourful mix of flowers of varying

height and some an important area for orchids and other specialist plants. Despite this variety, there is one management strategy - cutting when machinery is available and when the control of growth becomes a visible need at the end of May through to July, to provide good line of sight for drivers and for pedestrians to step off the road with safety. This cutting is welcomed by some and the loss of flowers coming into their peak cursed by others.

'Many planting strategies promoted by Plantlife and other organisations would not fit in the Islay context. Stripping away the existing vegetation and re-seeding with flowers when our soils already have a rich and area-adapted seed bank would be expensive and intrusive.

'Through the Pollinator Initiative, funded by The Botanist Foundation, a two-year study of less major Islay routes on the Rinns was undertaken in 2017/18 to understand the value and importance of the verges for flowers and pollinators. This work has been reported on in articles and talks. The next stage was to use this knowledge and persuade the council to adapt and change its strategy on verge management, which is now in place.

'So next year, look out for the signs indicating verges are being left for the purposes of letting flowers flourish and enjoy the colour and beauty our rich flora provides. This is a great collaboration and hopefully one that will be the beginning of an adaptive approach to verge management on Islay and Jura.'



**Short sections of verges will be left to allow orchids to flower.**

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**MCGEACHY - CHEAPE** - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Scott, son of Iain and Alison McGeachy, 120 Ralston Road, Campbeltown to Suzanne, eldest daughter of Robert and Suzanne Cheape, 41 Helensburgh Drive, Glasgow.

DEATHS

**FARRELL** - Peacefully, in Glasgow on October 12, 2020, Ewen Donald Farrell, aged 94 years. Beloved husband of the late Fiona Farrell. Much loved father of Susan and Andrew and loving granddad to Dominic and Hamish. He will be missed by us all.

**HOGARTH** - Anne Elizabeth passed away peacefully on Friday, October 23, 2020 in the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow. Beloved daughter of Archie and the late Peggy Hogarth, sister of the late June Gillespie and partner of John Pettigrew, Glasgow. Sadly missed and forever loved by many friends and wider family. Celebration of Anne's life on Tuesday, November 10, at 3.45pm at the Glasgow Crematorium, Maryhill. Flowers optional. Donations to MS Society.

**LOGAN** - At Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, on October 28, 2020, Kathryn Margaret Daniels, Benview, Tayinloan, dearly beloved wife of Iain Logan and a much loved sister and aunt. Funeral private.

**MACGOUGAN** - Helen D. née MacMillan. Peacefully at home, Canada on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 in her 88th year. Beloved wife of John MacGougan (2012). Loving mother of Karen (Gordon) and Morag (Eric). Dearest grandmother of Emma and Grace. Sister of Hugh

(Agnes), predeceased by her twin sister, Christina and her siblings David, Catherine (John) and John (Doreen). Survived by many nieces and nephews. In keeping with Helen's wishes, a private family interment at Carlisle Cemetery has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

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**MORRIS** - Peacefully at his home, 1 Rowan Park, Lochgilphead, with his family by his side, on October 28, 2020, Arthur Morris, in his 93rd year (Ex Argyll's). Beloved husband of the late Christine MacArthur, née Gargan, and much loved father of Ishbel, Arthur and the late Helen. Adored Papa of Terence, Heather, Louise and Amanda, and great papa of Leighann, Daniel, Marc, Aimee and TJ. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. A private funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium on Thursday, November 5, 2020. Forever in our thoughts.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**GRUMOLI** - The Grumoli family would like to thank everyone for the lovely flowers and cards following the death of their mum Annie. Special thanks to all the carers and nurses for care and attention received. Thanks to the many people that lined the route to the cemetery and lastly to Reece and Kenneth Blair for professional services.

IN MEMORIAM

**BROWN** - In memory of a loving mother Stella, died November 9 2019, brother James, died December 15, 2009 and brother Richard, died January 19, 2017. Gone but not forgotten. - Family at home and away.

**MACKINNON** - In loving memory of our dear auntie Morag, who passed away on October 30, 2002. In our thoughts always. - Love, Annamarie, Allan and Jacqueline xxx.

**MCCAIG** - In loving memory of our dear dad, Peter, who passed away on November 8, 2010. Also our dear mum, Isa, who passed away on November 9, 1999. We cannot bring the old times back

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**ROBERTSON** - In loving memory of a much loved and great mum mother-in-law and granny, Margaret Wilson Paterson, who passed away November 5, 2010. Deep in our hearts you will always stay Loved and remembered every day. Sadly missed - Roberta, James, Jamie and Darren.

**STEVENSON** - Remembering Sandy, a loving husband, dad and granda. Dearly loved and sadly missed. All our love. - Nuala, Josephine, Brenda, James and Robert and grandchildren - Holly, Lewis, Kayla, Ava, Finn, Jamie and Sophie. xxx

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Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8

**A Service of Remembrance is being held on Sunday, 8th November starting at 10.45am**

This service is being led by Bob Craig who is Zooming in to join us Please note the change to start time

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

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ST KIERAN RC CHURCH

St. John Street, Campbeltown 01586 552160 Rev Tony Wood **Sunday Holy Mass at 10.00am, please book a place, 01586 552160, campbeltown@rcdai.org.uk**

Daily Mass streamed via Facebook and Zoom, see www.stkieransrc.org for details. (SC002876)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



**South Kintyre Team Ministry** Sunday morning Worship 10.00 am Highland Church Campbeltown SC002493 10.00am Saddell and Carradale Church SC002609 11.30 am Southend Church SC005484

COVID 19 Precautions apply Ministers Revd Steve Fulcher Revd Chris Fulcher 01586830504 www.kintyreparishes.org.uk

SALVATION ARMY



**Sunday 8th November** Worship service 3pm

**Covid 19 measures in place** If we can be of any assistance to anyone during this time please call us on 01586 552046 Major Ruth Russell Scottish Charity Number SC009359

CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH



**Sunday 8th November** 11.15am Worship Service 11.15am Sunday School **Wednesday 11th** November

12 noon Prayer & Bible Study Covid-19 Government guidelines apply All welcome www.campbeltownfree-church.co.uk Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



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

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Remembrance Sunday Services in Ardrishaig at 10:45am and Achahoish at 12:30pm Reflections will continue to be available at the gates of the churches. **Wednesdays** from 12:45pm to 1:15pm in Ardrishaig Church "A Time for Reflecting"

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH in Mid-Argyll & Arran

Christ Church, Lochgilphead Sunday 11am Holy Eucharist SCO 13787 Fr Simon Mackenzie 01546 602315

ST MARGARET'S RC CHURCH Lochgilphead

**Holy Mass: Sunday 10am** All Saints, Inveraray **Holy Mass: Sunday 12.30pm** Booking essential due to restricted capacity - Email or telephone to book Weekday Mass details available on website or by email/telephone All Masses at St Margaret's are Live Streamed via our YouTube channel. Link available at our website: www.lochgilpheadcatholic.com and Facebook Page. Fr. Ronald Campbell 01546 602380 lochgilphead@rcdai.org.uk (SC002876)

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

charity number SC001002 Although our buildings are closed we are still active. Our website is full of information & links to keep you informed & provide opportunities for worship on-line Please look it up & keep in touch www.northknappdale.org

GLASSARY, KILMARTIN AND FORD PARISH CHURCH

Barr Mhor, Kilmartin **Sunday 8th November** Remembrance Service 10am followed by wreath laying at Kilmartin Memorial at 11am (please meet in old Kilmartin Church grounds)

Rev Robert MacLeod *A very warm welcome awaits* Please wear face covering

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686 **Sunday 8th November** Remembrance Service 10.45am Please note change of time Retiring collection in aid of Poppy Scotland COVID 19 Guidelines apply Video message on Facebook each Wednesday Rev. W Crossan

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## Bob narrowly misses out on victory in Cyprus

Playing in the glorious Cypriot sunshine at the weekend, Oban's Bob MacIntyre came agonisingly close to his first win on the European Tour.

Starting his final round on Sunday two shots off the lead in the Cyprus Open at the Aphrodite Hills resort, the Oban star proceeded to put on a flawless display of golf in a bogey-free round of 65.

His final total of -18 would have been enough to win most tournaments, however, England's Callum Shinkwin and Finland's Kalle Samooja shot final rounds of 63 and 64 respectively to edge MacIntyre into third place. Shinkwin eventually lifted the trophy in a play-off.

Unfortunately MacIntyre's approach shot at 14 ricocheted off the pin to land 35 feet away.

On any other day that would have either dropped in for an eagle or at worst left him a tap-in birdie.

Playing with a new set of irons this week, Bob was delighted with his performance over the four days: 'I'm enjoying my golf again. I'm hitting my numbers with my irons and I'm in a good place mentally. The only part I have to do is just play golf and enjoy myself.'

His efforts in Cyprus mean he moves up to 57th in the Race To Dubai and up to 91st in the World Rankings.

With the next European Tour event due to be played at exactly the same venue yesterday, Thursday November 5, Bob was hoping to get even closer to that maiden victory and consolidate his place in the season ending Tour Championship in Dubai.

# Hill walkers' winter warning: 'Do not get left in the dark'

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Hill walkers are being reminded that a headtorch – and a spare – should be essential items in their rucksacks as autumn turns to winter.

Mountain rescue teams have had a busy summer and have already had incidents this year where walkers either haven't had a torch, or have had a torch but discovered they were not able to get themselves back off the hill once darkness fell.

Heather Morning, mountain safety adviser with Mountaineering Scotland, said: 'It has been good to see so many new people enjoying Scotland's mountains this summer, and we hope they will continue to enjoy the great benefits that access to the outdoors brings.'

'It's important to stay safe though.'

'People will have already noticed the days getting shorter, but this is really emphasised once the clocks change, and the chances are now much greater that you may end your walk in darkness.'

'You should take spare batteries with you, although they can be very awkward to change if you're working in the dark and the rain, so it's better always to take a spare headtorch in your pack, with fully charged batteries already installed.'

The shorter daylight hours also see a drop in temperatures and the first dusting of snow on the hills, meaning it's a good time for hillwalkers to review what they carry in their packs.

Extra layers should be considered, with the addition of a synthetic duvet jacket and emergency shelter stored in the bottom of a rucksack just in case walkers are stationary on the hill for any length of time.

Hats, gloves – at least two pairs are recommended – and face protection such as a buff will all add to comfort on the hill as winter approaches.

**'It's always better to take a spare headtorch in your pack with fully charged batteries already installed'**

Heather added that now was also a good time for climbers and walkers to consider whether they could benefit from extra skills and training.

She said: 'There's a greater chance you will have to navigate in poor visibility, so that's a basic hill skill which is definitely worth working on.'

Kevin Mitchell, vice-chairman of Scottish Mountain Rescue, said: 'We would encourage hill-goers to be proficient in navigation, check



While navigating off a hill in darkness, headtorches are an essential piece of kit.

Photograph: Paul Duffley.

weather reports and be aware of when darkness will fall.

'However, if they become benighted or injured, they should not hesitate to call out Scottish Mountain Rescue volunteer teams by calling 999 and asking for police, then mountain rescue.'

'Scottish Mountain Rescue teams are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.'

Ian Sherrington, head of training at sportscotland National Outdoor Training Centre, Glenmore Lodge, added: 'This is an important time for all of us to shake off our planning and packing skills for the coming winter. Conditions in the hills can turn quickly.'

'So, as well as packing all



Rising to 354 metres in height, Beinn Ghuillean is Campbeltown's highest hill.

the kit you need, plan to go early so you can return easily in daylight hours.

'It makes all the difference to a good day out.'



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