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# A practical solution to the A83 Rest problem?

by Colin Cameron

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A chartered engineer with local knowledge and decades of business experience has come up with what he considers to be a practical solution to the Rest and Be Thankful problem.

It wouldn't cost the earth, nor did it appear as one of Transport Scotland's 11 alternative routes in the recent consultation.

That engineer also happens to be one of the biggest landowners in Argyll, Sir William Lithgow of Ormsary, former owner of Campbeltown Shipyard.

And he has the support of many prominent business figures across the region for his approach to the Rest.

Sir William said: 'As a chartered engineer, I felt I could do more than wring my hands at the blight induced over the area's economy and wellbeing by the chronic failure of our lifeline route A83 at the Rest.

'Mid Argyll, Kintyre, Cowal,

Islay and Jura have many important economic players headquartered locally. The islanders have the additional misfortune of ferry capacity being dislocated for their extension of this lifeline route.'

Sir William commissioned engineering firm Campbell of Doune Ltd to conduct a feasibility study into the A83 at the Rest.

**'I am confident that the capital costs will be recovered'**

Following field visits last month, the study concluded that a realignment of the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful, incorporating a 900-metre hard rock tunnel – from close to Loch Restil and coming out below the current car park viewpoint – constructed using Norwegian tunnelling methods, is feasible and worthy of further investigation.

The realigned road to the

south of the tunnel within Glen Croe would be designed with engineered attenuation to intercept landslides before they reach the line of the road.

The residues of any landslides which reach the road would pass below elevated sections of carriageway. The proposed A83 realignment would come at a projected capital construction cost of £54.6m.

The proposal has been put directly to First Minister Nicola Sturgeon by Sir William.

In a letter to Ms Sturgeon, he wrote: 'Having formerly been involved in oversight of Norwegian technological services, I have been able to bring alongside the world's best expertise in tunnel geology, engineering methods and cost control.

'I am confident, however, that the capital cost will be recovered both in savings in the considerable ongoing taxpayer expenditure and in the costs to the area of the ongoing disruption and blight. The lifeline needs to be secured.'



## Emelie soldiers on

The sight of two-and-a-half-year-old Emelie Willis undertaking her sponsored walk on behalf of the Poppy Appeal lifted the hearts of many in Campbeltown on Remembrance Sunday.

The altruistic toddler walked from her home to the war memorial, accompanied by her parents, where she completed some

laps of the monument with her friends.

Emelie's grandfather, Jackie Willis, who died in April, was in the Royal Irish Rangers, and her uncle, Highland Fusilier Lance Corporal Stuart Willis, has recently been deployed to Afghanistan.

Turn to pages four and five for our Remembrance picture special.

## No change in Argyll Covid level

Argyll and Bute will remain at covid level two, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon told the Scottish Parliament on Tuesday.

But the region could be among those local authority areas in the coming weeks to drop down to level one, Ms Sturgeon revealed following a review of the 32 council areas which make up the country.

Argyll and Bute will remain in tier two, as do Aberdeen, Aberdeen City, the Borders and Dumfries and Galloway.

There had been signs of 'improvement and stability' in these areas but insufficient evidence of a sustained decline in cases, she said. 'We consider it sensible for these areas to remain in level two for now but remain hopeful that some or all of those will be able to move to level one soon,' said Ms Sturgeon. Highland and Moray will remain in tier one alongside Orkney, Shetland and the Western Isles. However, one of the tier one restrictions – applicable to the three island authorities – will be lifted on Friday allowing residents to meet with one other household inside their homes, up to six people.



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## POLICE FILES

## No MOT charge

At 2.50am on Tuesday November 3, a vehicle was stopped by police on Witchburn Road, Campbeltown. Checks revealed there was no MOT for the vehicle and two of its tyres had tread depth below the legal limit. The driver, a woman aged 51, was charged with the offences and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

## Bail breach suspect

At 11.10pm on Thursday November 5, in Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, police charged a 67-year-old man with breaching bail conditions imposed by the court by attempting to contact a woman. The man was held for court and a report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

## Arrested and charged

About 9.10pm on Thursday November 5, in Hillside Road, Campbeltown, a man, 31, was arrested for behaving in an abusive manner towards a woman and police officers.

The man was charged with the offences and a report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

## Wetsuit theft

Sometime between 1pm and 2pm on Saturday November 7, at Westport Beach car park, Campbeltown, a men's Quicksilver wetsuit and a men's Ripcurl wetsuit were stolen. Police are investigating.

## Pair in possession of cannabis

At 7.15pm on Sunday November 8, in Main Street, Campbeltown, a man, 22, and a man, 56, were stopped and searched by police and each found in possession of a small amount of cannabis. They were both issued with a recordable police warning.

**Anyone with information in relation to the above, or to any incident, should contact their local police station on telephone number 101 or, anonymously, through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.**

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# New funding to help shops ditch wasteful packaging

Scotland's islands are being urged to apply for funding to introduce schemes to eradicate wasteful packaging.

Zero Waste Scotland is administering a £600,000 grant from the Scottish Government and European Regional Development Fund.

The scheme will enable shops across the Scottish islands to ditch single-use packaging and move to reusable options.

Single use grocery packaging, including tubs, trays, bottles and bags, accounts for around 13 per cent of all household waste in Scotland.

Funding will be provided for dispensing and other equipment that enables customers to get groceries in their own reusable containers.

It includes dispensers for dry goods such as cereals, pasta and liquid food items, and other products such as laundry detergents, washing up liquids, fabric softeners and liquid soaps.

Some pioneering shops have already started using package free dispensers in their shops.

The new scheme sees cash for existing small and medium-sized enterprises in the

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

'This scheme gives shops on the islands the chance to be ahead of the game and at the forefront of positive change. The financial help we are making available will enable outlets to make this significant positive step. There is an understanding among communities about the damage done by single-use packaging

as they see the effects in the countryside, beaches and seas around them.

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

Applications are open until 5pm on November 16. Contact [IGRP@zerowastescotland.org.uk](mailto:IGRP@zerowastescotland.org.uk) or go to <https://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/funding/single-use-packaging-targeted-islands-green-recovery-programme>

## Producers enjoy growth at Campbeltown farmers' market



Campbeltown Farmers' Market saw an increase in stalls on Saturday with many selling out as shoppers made the most of fine autumn weather.

The monthly retail event has continued this year, providing welcome, locally-sourced produce for the community, with seven pitches booked for last weekend's market in the Royal Hotel yard.

Chairman Andrew Gemmell, from Ifferdale Farm near Carradale, said:

'It was great to see so many stalls selling a wide variety of goods last Saturday. There was a good atmosphere.'

Among the goods on offer were cheese, lamb, beef, fruit and veg and home baking as well as knitted goods at the Cancer Research UK stall.

The market will be in Lochgilphead this Saturday and returns to Campbeltown on Saturday December 5.

Contact Andrew at [ifferdale@gmail.com](mailto:ifferdale@gmail.com) or 01583 431666 to reserve a space.



## The Dochas Carer Centre

**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

Please visit our website - [www.dochasfund.org.uk](http://www.dochasfund.org.uk) and Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/dochascentre](https://www.facebook.com/dochascentre) which will be updated regularly with information and advice.

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

Contact numbers for the outreach/support team  
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Kintyre: 0753 503 6953  
Islay/Jura: 0791 201 5393

### 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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Online support is also available on [www.cool2talk.org](http://www.cool2talk.org).

Contact 07788900049 or  
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# Evan aims to shine a light on neonatal parent support

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A Carradale schoolboy is planning to light up his village on November 20 to raise money for parents visiting their premature babies in hospital.

Mindful of social distancing, nine-year-old Evan McConnachie will walk from Carradale Harbour to Semple's Post Office adorned in lights and accompanied by his sister Leah on her horse, Ted.

The Castlehill Primary School pupil decided to take on the challenge after a staff member at his school and two of his aunts all had children who required neonatal care.

'Evan is quite sensitive towards the plights of others and started asking a lot of questions about newborn babies who require special care,' said mum Louise.

'We explained to him that this was necessary when babies came early as they needed extra care and that it was difficult for some parents to spend time with them, especially considering many have faced further separation due to the current Covid restrictions, and he decided he wanted to raise money to help.'

Evan will take part in his Light up the Night sponsored walk on Friday November 20 in aid of the charity Bliss which has worked to adapt its services throughout the pandemic. Volunteers from the organisation have been training to offer support to parents by video call, keeping up to date with research, campaigning for parents to be able to care for their babies in the units and providing information leaflets free of charge to all UK neonatal units.

The cost of providing this



Evan and his cousin Ollie who needed neonatal care.

has been a challenge for the charity with so many fundraising events not being able to go ahead this year. We need Bliss to continue to be there for babies. Please sponsor Evan for his Little Lights walk,' added Louise.

Evan will be joining fundraisers across the UK taking part in sponsored walks for the 100,000 babies born premature or sick each year.

A Bliss spokesperson said: 'We're supporting neonatal units to reinstate unrestricted access for parents, as well as campaigning for parents

suspected of having Covid-19 to be prioritised for testing to minimise separation from their baby.'

An email and video support service also provides families with somewhere to turn for emotional support.

Evan's journey begins at 6pm when he hopes the Carradale community will give him a wave from a safe distance along the route.

Anyone wishing to donate to Evan's cause should visit the Louise McConnachie fundraising for Bliss Just Giving page.

## Two Kintyre trusts benefit from creative communities funding programme

Two Kintyre trusts are among almost 30 initiatives being supported by Inspiring Scotland's £900,000 Creative Communities Programme.

It will support 27 charities

working with communities where social or geographical circumstances make engaging with culture more challenging - particularly this year - including Isle of

Gigha Heritage Trust (IGHT) and Templar Arts and Leisure Centre Trust (TALC) in Tarbert. IGHT's funding will be used for 'storytelling, photography and theatre to look

at how the island's history has shaped the lives of its people', while TALC's will help 'create a multimedia showcase reel of young people's art and animation for the community'.



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Clockwise from top left: Pat Healey represented the Rotary Club; World War Two veteran Mrs Ailsa Stewart, age 105, with her son Patrick, former Lord Lieutenant and his wife Mary-Ann; RNLI Coxswain David Cox and Harbour Master Stephen Scally with their grandchildren Sonny Brown, Graham Brown and Calvin Scally; representatives of local organisations at Campbeltown War Memorial; Coxswain David Cox lays the wreath on behalf of the RNLI.



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# Members war heroes

by Fiona Scott  
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Campbeltown united last weekend to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect the country's freedom. Coronavirus restrictions meant that public gatherings for this year's Remembrance Sunday events were severely curtailed.

There was no formal parade this year but representatives of organisations and a sprinkling of socially-distanced members of the public turned up to witness simple but moving acts of remembrance as wreaths were laid at the war memorial while others joined a two-minute silence on their own doorsteps.

Two WWII veterans were present, including Mrs Ailsa Stewart who is 105. Her son, former Lord Lieutenant Patrick Stewart, along with his successor Jim Martin were also there.

Two-and-a-half-year-old Emelie Willis was greeted at the war memorial by friends

and family following her sponsored walk, accompanied by dad John and mum Chelsea. Emelie walked from her home to the memorial, where she completed laps of the monument, before returning to her house.

'Emelie did absolutely amazingly on her soldier walk and it was just wonderful that all her

little friends joined for a lap or two at the end,' said Chelsea.

'Thank you so much to Charles J MacLean for piping for us and for everyone who turned up to cheer Emelie on.

#### Donated

'Also a huge thank you to everyone who has donated or bought raffle tickets so far.'

All funds raised will go

towards this year's Poppy Appeal. Elsewhere the Kilbrannan Bar raised £900 for the Poppy Appeal through a raffle, bottles donated by Springbank Distillery, and the sale of gin glasses and mugs made by Lesley Mullen.

One way or another, pandemic or not, we will remember them.

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Emelie was met at the War Memorial by her grandparents, friends and family.



Emelie Willis with her parents John and Chelsea.



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## Islay guest house owner wins tourism award

Islay businesswoman Emma Clark, proprietor of Gleneedale House guesthouse between Bowmore and Port Ellen, has been named one of 2020's Top 100 Women in Tourism.

Following the inaugural Women in Tourism Top 100, launched in 2018, this year's list recognises not just individual achievements over the past year, but the combined passion which has supported the sector throughout 2020.

Susan Russell, chairwoman of Women in Tourism, said: 'The Women in Tourism Top 100 2020 reflects the sector as a whole – from Shetland to the Scottish Borders and the Outer Hebrides to Fife, and while we recognise the challenges facing our industry, this announcement is an important moment to celebrate and thank everyone for all they have done, and continue to do.'

# Charities link up to encourage people to 'take five' outside

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Two mental health charities have teamed up to encourage people to 'take five' as they raise awareness of the importance of fresh air and exercise on wellbeing.

Sarah McFadzean, in her role as a development worker for Advancing Community Understanding of Mental and Emotional Needs (ACUMEN) has joined forces with Kintyre Link Club manager Tracy Chambers to launch the challenge.

ACUMEN has a network of members with experience of mental ill health operating across Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Argyll and Bute.

The charity delivers collective advocacy on behalf of its members to promote the wider involvement of 'experts by

experience' in shaping mental health services and activities and events that promote recovery, wellbeing and awareness of mental health issues on communities.

Kintyre Link Club is a peer support group aiming to promote the welfare of those who suffer or have suffered from mental ill health, especially through these strange times.

### Inspired

Sarah and Tracy were inspired by David Brown, a manager at Campbeltown's Tesco Metro store, who is completing a personal challenge of running or walking five kilometres, or completing 25 minutes of exercise, every day of 2020 to raise money for charity as he maintains his fitness.

For every kilometre he completes, David donates 30p of his own money to the charity of his choice for that month.



Tracy Chambers, left, and Sarah McFadzean, middle, joined David Brown on his first run of November.

He has agreed to donate the proceeds from his November fundraising to Kintyre Link Club.

Sarah and Tracy's 'take five' challenge is for anyone who wishes to join in and collect additional sponsorship for Kintyre Link Club.

Sarah explained: 'Take five can be whatever the participant

chooses – from five minutes to 5K, or spread the challenge out over the week by walking a mile a day for five days, for example.

'The aim is to enjoy fresh air and exercise at a pace that suits you.'

Tracy said: 'Kintyre Link Club is delighted David has chosen us as his November

charity in his year-long fundraising quest. With winter fast approaching, we all need to take some time for ourselves and get out there to help boost our mental health.

'We have been blown away by the support we have received so far.

'Some club members and members of the public have also pledged their time and money to support our 'take five' challenge and we want to say a special thanks to you all.'

She added anyone wanting to find out more about Kintyre Link Club can visit [www.kintyrelinkclub.com](http://www.kintyrelinkclub.com) or its Facebook page @kintyrelinkclub.

Anyone with an interest in mental health issues who would like to be notified of the development of a new Kintyre Mental Health Forum can email her at [sarah.mcfadzean@acumennetwork.org](mailto:sarah.mcfadzean@acumennetwork.org)

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Jaimie Alexander from Tarbert will be taking up a new role in Argyll, while Colin Willis will be working from Lerwick.

## Full-time roles await coastguard volunteers

Two Argyll volunteer coastguard rescue officers have secured full-time roles in senior positions in the organisation.

Jaimie Alexander will be staying in Argyll while Colin Willis will be taking up a job in Lerwick, Shetland, in their new roles as senior coastal operations officers with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

Coastal Operations Area Commander for Argyll and the Isles Dave Graham said:

'Just one of the many reasons for volunteering for HM Coastguard is the opportunity to apply for full-time positions. Volunteering doesn't guarantee you the job and it is a tough recruitment process, but having coastguard experience is beneficial. It's really great to see our volunteers getting the opportunity to work full-time. They bring operational experience and a passion to the role that can only come from volunteering for us.'

# Galloping ghosts at pony club day

Argyll South Pony Club enjoyed glorious weather for its annual Hallowe'en Fun Day.

Held at Tarbert Arena on Saturday November 7, the clever format kept within Covid guidelines and allowed the young riders to enjoy their usual fancy dress as well as carefully structured mounted games.

Thanks to Ileene Duncan,

the heritage paths and trails behind the arena were marked with spooky signs and the challenging route to the haunted house and the beastly barn was decorated by committee members Ulla and Mary-Lou with all sorts of ghouls and werewolves dangling from trees or lurking round corners. The most daunting was the gable end ghost who surprised many of the ponies and their young riders.

The spooky ride took 20 minutes and was a highlight of the day. Everyone is desperate to do it again at another time with another theme.

The Campbeltown contingent of the club turned out in force and had a successful day relishing the challenge of Sheila MacCallum's clever Covid-busting games which had them racing up and down the arena while skilfully steering their ponies.



All the winners with their rosettes.

It was a day of fun and laughter and organisers thank everyone who helped make it a memorable, happy day for so many.

### Results:

Ghost Busters: 1 Katie-Ellen Mellish and Nemo; 2 Louise Ralston and Nero; 3 Erin Ralston and Alex; 4 Alyssa McEachran and Tulip.

Ghoul Chasers: 1 Ffion Lavery Jones and Dusty; 2

Rory Shaw and Libby; 3 Jessica Hopes and Dandy; 4 Amelie Ralston and Porridge.

Games 1: 1 Louise Ralston and Nero; 2 Alyssa McEachran and Tulip; 3 Erin Ralston and Alex; 4 Katie-Ellen Mellish and Nemo.

Games 2: 1 Rory Shaw and Libby; 2 Amelie Ralston and Porridge; 3 Jessica Hopes and Dandy; 4 Ffion Lavery Jones and Dusty.



Alyssa and Tulip bravely pass the Gable End Ghost.

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## Campbeltown's week of remembrance like no other

It has been a week of remembrance like no other. Despite Covid restrictions, ex and current military personnel, veterans, organisations and individuals still managed to take part in this year's Armistice and Remembrance Day commemorations in some way or another.

The message of both is of hope and peace for the future, a message more poignant than ever this year as all of us face a new battle against an invisible enemy.

The traditional events did not take place or were very small-scale on Remembrance Sunday and people in Campbeltown and surrounding areas must be congratulated for their vigilance during this difficult time. And indeed for their resourcefulness.

This was highlighted by two-and-a-half-year-old Emelie Willis, who completed a sponsored walk from her home, in aid of the Poppy Appeal, by circumnavigating the war memorial several times accompanied by members of her family and friends.

And by 105-year-old veteran Ailsa Stewart, who turned out to pay her own tribute at the monument on Sunday where single representatives from many local organisations also laid wreaths.

As the ongoing pandemic made large gatherings impossible, other people took to their doorsteps to commemorate the fallen.

One way or another, pandemic or not, the Campbeltown community remembered them. Lest we forget.

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## Shedding light on matters

I have been receiving a large number of messages from justifiably concerned constituents about the number of faulty streetlights from all corners of my council ward, from the islands to the mainland.

As I have said so many times before, our hard-working roads men do not have an easy time trying to meet growing demands with limited budgets.

That said, as we head into winter the need for regularly repaired streetlights becomes all the more important.

Our nights are drawing in and for safety reasons alone we cannot have large sections of our villages left in darkness.

I have been active in bringing all malfunctioning streetlights to the attention of our roads and street-lighting department.

I will also continue to lobby relentlessly for more infrastructure investment for every corner of my council ward.

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

## Plea for pets charity as cases increase due to Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to be exceptionally difficult for all of us, but has also led to crisis levels of 'pet poverty' in the UK.

The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA) charity provides free and low cost vet care for those who struggle to pay treatment costs for their sick and injured pets.

Since the first UK lockdown began, we've seen an overwhelming number of additional enquiries from pet owners who have hit hard times.

In the first three months of lockdown alone, we carried out more than 6,400 operations and 15,000 x-rays for pets in need.

On average, we're providing 2,300 phone appointments every day to desperate pet owners. We predict there will be as many as 50,000 more pets eligible for our services over the months ahead, as a direct result of the economic hardship caused by the pandemic.

For many sick and injured pets, whose owners are struggling financially, PDSA is their only emergency service.



**Councillor Alastair Redman, back in August, beside one of the many street lights on Islay needing repaired.**

For more information on PDSA and the pet care crisis and how you can help, please visit [PDSA.org.uk/whywematter](http://PDSA.org.uk/whywematter)

**Paul Manktelow, PDSA Vet.**

## Speak out, stay safe

Volunteers and staff from our NSPCC school service aren't able to deliver our free Speak Out, Stay Safe assemblies in person at the moment, because of restrictions in place to reduce the spread of Covid-19.

But, so that we can continue to work alongside staff in primary schools to help children know what to do and who to speak to if something is worrying or upsetting them, we have launched a virtual programme. We have teamed up with Ant and Dec to produce a virtual assembly, which can be shown in primary schools across the country.

The assembly, which features our mascot Buddy, helps children to understand how to recognise different forms of abuse and identify

a trusted adult should they ever have a concern. Since May, the monthly number of referrals from the NSPCC helpline to agencies in Scotland, because of concerns about the wellbeing of a child, has been more than a third higher than pre-lockdown levels.

By signing up to the free virtual assemblies with the supporting teaching materials, which are also available in British Sign Language (BSL), primary schools across this region can help us to protect children.

To sign up visit [nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://nspcc.org.uk/speakout)  
**Alan Stewart, Schools Service manager for NSPCC Scotland**

## Please support CAB petition to prevent office closures

I write to ask your readers to support my petition to the Scottish Parliament to urgently support Citizens Advice Scotland.

Citizens Advice Bureaux are a familiar name that people regard as part of their daily life and a place to seek help with issues.

Funding cuts mean that a number of offices are now facing reduced budgets or possibly closure.

These offices serve all Scottish citizens, and in the most deprived areas of the country, and are a lifeline to the people in those communities when it comes to matters relating to benefit entitlements including Universal Credit and housing.

The particular difficulties in relation to Universal Credit are around the fact that many of those applying have no means of accessing the online application process.

Some applicants do not have English as their first language and Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) offices have experience in obtaining advice via interpreters.

Outreach clinics, centred in local area job centres, are also a feature of the CAB service and enable job centre staff to refer clients directly to a CAB Advisor based there for a day.

Any cuts will increase the workload on CAB offices exponentially as thousands more may be made redundant, find they have no income of any kind and turn to CAB for advice.

Cuts will undoubtedly affect the vulnerable in our society immediately, with the consequences extending much more widely soon after.

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are






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severe enough in themselves. In cities such as Glasgow, the closure of offices would mean that many claimants could find it impossible to travel to other parts of the city and, in any case, with an already growing list of applicants those offices would soon be overwhelmed, if they are not already.

Several members of CAB staff have already been made redundant.

I believe more may follow without additional funding.

In Glasgow alone, five offices face closure, though it is estimated that in excess of 12,000 people in Glasgow sought advice from these offices in the last year.

This is likely to be the case in major cities around Scotland.

Our petition calls on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to provide urgent funding to Citizens Advice Scotland. It can be found on the Scottish Parliament website - petition number PE01834: Urgent funding for Citizens Advice Bureaux.

Thank you for your support.

**Alistair S Stephen, by email.**

## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Rosemary Morrison, from Campbeltown, took this photograph of our national floral emblem while walking close to Machrihanish Dunes Golf Course.

'I love taking pictures of the surroundings I am so blessed to enjoy,' she said. 'I thought perhaps other people would enjoy the beauty of our beloved magnificent Scottish Thistle.'

The thistle has been an important symbol of Scottish heraldry for more than 500 years. It also represents one of the highest honours the country can give an individual. This proud and regal plant, which grows to a height of five feet, has no natural enemies because of the vicious spines that cover and protect it like a porcupine.

**Send in your photos to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk or via our Facebook page.**

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## TEN YEARS AGO

### Friday November 12, 2010

#### Talks continue to save Skykon

Intensive discussions are taking place between Scottish Development International, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Skykon Group to save the Campbeltown plant.

Jim Mather, MSP for Argyll and Bute, said the organisations were continuing to work with all parties 'to try to achieve a positive outcome'.

'The First Minister chaired a meeting with officials last Friday and ministers are committed to ensuring the base and its staff continue to play a crucial role in the development of clean, green energy technology and building Scotland's low carbon economy,' he said.

'Campbeltown is but one element in the overall Skykon Group operations and is caught up in the current severe financial difficulties of the overall group. I will continue to promote the location, the plant and its personnel.'

Alan Reid MP said: 'I hope Skykon can be rescued, but, if it can't, Scottish Energy Minister Jim Mather must step in and ensure another company takes over the Machrihanish development from Skykon. Many local jobs depend on this industry.'

## TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

### Friday November 17, 1995

#### Potential 'bloodbath' averted

Six police officers were left to quell what could have been a major riot between locals and sailors in Campbeltown Main Street, the town's sheriff court heard.

# FROM OUR FILES

Due to an apparent oversight by the Navy, the court was told, no shore patrol was provided, and in the early hours of a January morning, Campbeltown youths faced sailors across Main Street, taunting and gesticulating and challenging each other to fight... with the police in the middle. There were about 300 in the area that night – not unusual for a Saturday night in Campbeltown, one policeman told the court.

But he said police were worried if the sailors took the locals up on the challenge the situation could very quickly get out of control: 'I think if the Navy people had decided to have a go we'd have had a bloodbath,' said PC Keith Kirkland.

He added that normally the Navy provided a shore patrol, but this time there wasn't one.

'There appears to have been an oversight,' he said. That night, 14 people were assaulted, three of them locals, the rest were Navy. Eleven were released from hospital without serious injury, but three – all of them Navy personnel – were detained with serious injuries.

## FIFTY YEARS YEARS AGO

### Thursday November 12, 1970

#### Awards to cadets who saved a life

Two Campbeltown sea cadets have been awarded wrist watches by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution for their rescue in July of a 16-year-old boy whose canoe had overturned in Campbeltown Loch.

Ian Campbell, Cruachan, Low Askomill, and Malcolm Stewart, Calton Avenue, both 14 years

old, were on the beach at Dalintober when the alarm was raised. They quickly paddled out in a canoe to the 16ft sea cadet motor launch moored offshore. They then steered the launch towards Duncan Haddow of 27 Davaar Avenue, who was drifting in choppy seas in his lifejacket, some distance from the capsized canoe. They pulled him on board. A doctor who later examined Duncan said that if he had been in the water for five minutes more he would have been 'gone'.

Duncan, who was an hour in the water before he was rescued, had been out in a canoe with a sail when it overturned.

The president of the local branch of the RNLI, Mr AP MacGrory, yesterday presented the boys with an official letter from the association intimating they would be presented at a future date with inscribed watches. An RNLI spokesman said: 'There is no doubt the prompt action of Ian and Malcom saved the boy's life.'

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

### Saturday November 13 1920

#### Classes for dairymaids

The Education Authority are prepared to grant a limited number of allowances of 30/- per week, plus travelling expenses, to dairymaids desirous of taking a four weeks' winter course in Dairying at the Kilmarnock Dairy School, commencing on Monday January 10 and on Monday February 7 respectively.

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# A previously unpublished war diary

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

Last week, the Courier began serialising the war diary written by Campbeltown soldier Gunner Neil MacLean after he became a prisoner of war following the 51st Highland Division's surrender at St Valéry-en-Caux during the Second World War.

The diary, and several photographs of Neil, taken both during and after the war, were supplied to the Courier by Neil's son Calum, who knew nothing of the diary's existence until after his father's death.

Last week's coverage recounted events from June 12 to June 23 1940.

June 28 1940 – Had a short train journey through Holland in an open truck. Alex and I were unfortunate to land in the middle of one. Everybody there was running to the train with eats, soap, pudding, bread etc. I managed to get a packet of cigs so had a smoke. Some of the chaps had a sack full but knew how to hang on to it.

Went off the train and lined up for some dinner. The French were first and after waiting for hours, the dinner was finished but we received some old boiled potatoes and salt so we ate them, skins and all, till we were contented just like pigs.

Then we had to line up and go on board a barge. We received a loaf of bread each and put down below, packed in like herrings. Three days on it. During the day it was lovely sailing down the [illegible] in the sunshine.

The Red Cross came out in a small boat; we received a small portion of cheese and butter. Came off the barge and we received some German sausage newly made and it did taste good. Then a short journey by train (cattle wagon) and landed at a large camp called Bochile. Searched and put into a large tents.

Here I had my first decent sleep but disturbed during my sleep with our planes overhead. We were well fed, nice soup for dinner, one loaf between five for tea with cheese and jam but no breakfast.

I also discovered here I had some nice companions on me (lice). Met some of the Campbeltown boys, D MacLean and A McPherson, who came in after us.

Left there after six days with good rations and were put into



Gunner Neil MacLean, aged 30, when he was called up to serve in the army.

cattle trucks, 50 men in each and no room to move. We had 38 hours in it with only one stop for 10 minutes.

Some of the men were caught short and had to do the next best thing and do it in the truck and throw it out the small window.

Between the asses of roses and the heat we were poor wrecks when we came out of the train. Landed at Schocken on July 9 and received three hard biscuits and put into a field to sleep for the night.

In the morning we were taken inside the camp, we were searched, registered, then given a piece of soap but we were out of luck as the towels were finished by the time it came to our turn. I had a napkin so that had to do as a towel between six of us.

Met more Campbeltown boys here and heard that more were killed/taken prisoner before us. We were put into rooms which was very good and had a good bed. The next day we received a straw bed. By this time, the lice were pretty bad and had to be de-liced on July 11. Washed my socks, put them out, and within minutes they had disappeared.

The lice were back again within a couple of days but managed to keep them down, some of the boys did not bother.

Our meals were no breakfast, soup for dinner, 1/5 of a loaf, jam or lard, just sufficient to keep us alive. We had to take our shirts off for one hour every day and go out to a sports field every morning, but we were too weak to do anything. As the days went on I grew stronger.

Continued in next week's Courier.

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- RemoteCare – a free nationwide consultation service offering advice and care via video and telephone link
- Online shopping with a current prescription
- Ask The Expert – a web-based and Facebook group answering all your eye and hearing health concerns seven days a week

Clinical services director, Giles Edmonds, says: 'We want to reassure customers that it is absolutely safe to book an appointment or come in as scheduled as we have all the necessary safety measures in place. We have adapted our ways of working so we can remain open to serve the public's health needs and every store is adhering to strict government guidelines to

ensure customer and colleague safety remains paramount.

'As providers of an essential health service, we have played a key role in looking after people's eye and hearing health throughout the pandemic and are pleased that we can continue to do so, while also playing our part in relieving some of the strain on our partners in the NHS.'

To find out more information, request an appointment or browse the online store, visit [specsavers.co.uk/stores](https://www.specsavers.co.uk/stores)



<sup>1</sup>Specsavers customer panel survey of 1,618 respondents, 1 June 2020. 32% of people have noticed a deterioration in their eyesight during lockdown. Specsavers customer panel of 482 respondents, 1 June 2020. 6% of over-65s experienced difficulties in their hearing when having phonecalls during lockdown.

# Magazine readers hop, skip and jump back to the games of their youth

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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The latest issue of the Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural History Society Magazine has landed on shop shelves.

The autumn 2020 edition of the popular magazine, edited by Angus Martin, is packed with the usual historical and contemporary stories but begins with a section on street and playground games of the past.

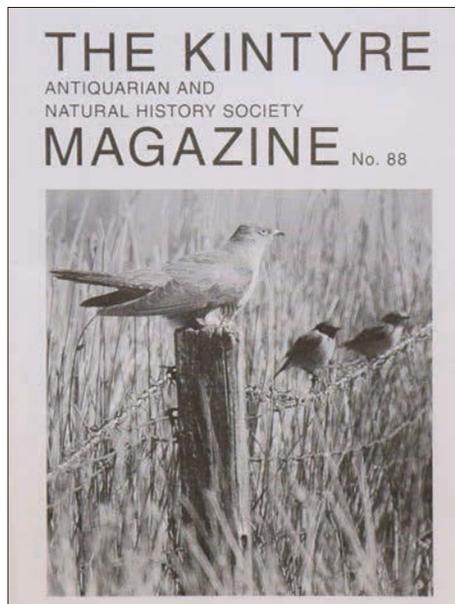
The 12-page article, penned by Moira Burgess, will be of particular interest to older readers who may be familiar with the rhymes and games referenced.

Several counting rhymes, including eeny-meeny-miny-mo, one potato, my mother and your mother, are mentioned, as well as examples of running, chasing, singing and skipping games.

Some of the activities – leap-frog, follow the leader and coalie-backs, for example – and songs – Oranges and Lemons, London Bridge is Falling Down and The Farmer's in His Den – are still widely played and sung today, but some seem to have dwindled in popularity.

In her opening few lines, Moira writes: 'Books have been written and videos made on the topic of children's playground games, the more urgently as these traditional pastimes are dying out, replaced by electronic amusements and a more indoors way of life. I am not qualified to add to their number, but it did occur to me that it might be interesting to look at the games played in Campbeltown, some probably identical with those recorded elsewhere, but a few intriguingly different.'

Another interesting feature is a letter, written in January



1900 by a Maggie Gillon, whose father John spent the last 33 years of his life as caretaker and signaller at the lifeboat station

at Dunaverty. Addressed to her sister, the letter tells of the Battle of Ladysmith in October 1899, one of the earliest en-

The autumn 2020 edition of the Kintyre Magazine features a cuckoo and stonechats at Balnabraid, photographed by James R MacDonald on Easter Monday 2020.

gagements of the Second Boer War in South Africa. Another article, entitled Tarbert and the Second World War and written by Archibald K Smith, tells of life closer to home during wartime conditions.

The magazine also shines a spotlight on some 'little-known or forgotten individuals who were connected with Kintyre'.

The passages about Donald Carmichael, Daniel Dewar, Charles Drummond, Edward Hogarth, Captain William Hutcheson, Lizzy Kirkland, Thomas Lacy, John Alexander Paterson MacBride, Francis McCallum, John MacDougall, Helen McIntyre, Robert MacKenzie, John 'Dorrie' McMillan, F Marion McNeill, John M Murphy and Rev Dr Robert Stevenson were taken from one of Angus's works-in-progress, Kintyre Families: An Encyclopaedia, which he hopes to publish next year.

By Hill and Shore, written by Angus, tells of his own outings throughout Kintyre, first as normal and then under the restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

An obituary for Dr Runa Blyth Mackay, whose photograph features on the back page, occupies several pages and is written by Liz Findlay telling of Dr Mackay's 60 years of service to the people of Palestine.

The magazine ends with a poem by Susan Grant, a former resident of Machrihanish, entitled Efric.

An editorial note adds that 2021 is a significant year for the society as it marks the centenary of its foundation.

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- 1 level tbsp icing sugar for dusting

### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190°C/170°C Fan/Gas Mark 5. Lightly spray some bun trays with low calorie cooking spray.
2. Make the pastry. Sift the flour and salt into a mixing bowl. Add the fat, cut up into little pieces. Gently rub it in with your fingertips. Add sufficient cold water to mix to a ball that leaves the sides of the bowl clean. Rest in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.
3. Roll out the pastry thinly on a lightly floured surface. Cut out 32 rounds with a 7½cm fluted cutter. Use to line the prepared bun tins.
4. Divide the mincemeat between the pastry cases. Roll out the remaining pastry trimmings and make some little stars with a small star cutter. Use to decorate the tops of the tarts.
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## Around the markets

United Auctions, Islay, Friday November 6: sold 1141 sheep of all classes. Lambs averaged £67.32(+£9.83). A mixed show of lambs sold at rates in keeping with current mainland levels. All classes of Ewes sold well.  
Leading Prices and Lots  
Lambs - SuffX - £90.00, Carrabus; £86.00, Lossit; £78.00, Smaladh; £77.00, Ballimartin; £77.00, Carrabus; £76.00, Ballachlaven; £76.00, Keills.  
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Cragabus.  
Ewes - SuffX - £100, Stanalane; £60.00, Coille. BFL - £91.00, Ballachlaven; £65.00, Coille.  
TexX - £104, Stanalane; £96.00, Carrabus; £83.00, Keills; £81.00, Carrabus. Chev - £67.00, Tormisdale Croft. £60.00, Stanalane. Cross - £81.00, Stanalane; £74.00, Smaladh. Mule - £68.00, Islay Estates. BF - £52.00, Stanalane; £49.00, Kinnabus.  
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193p, Duich; 191p, Starchmill; 188p, Sannaigmore; 188p, Ballachlaven. BF - 199p, Coille; 199p, 193p, Lower Cragabus; 191p, Duich; 189p, Carn; 188p, Lossit; 187p, Ballachlaven; 182p, Keills; 182p, Taigh Fhraoich; 182p, 181p, Leorin.  
Dingwall & Highland Marts Ltd, Fort William, Friday November 6: sold 340 rams at its annual sale.  
Blackface ram lambs (52) averaged £590.96 and sold to £4,700 gross from Allanfauld Farm, Kilsyth.  
Blackface shearlings (205) averaged £352.68 and sold to £5,400 gross from Dalchirla Farm, Muthill.  
Blackface two shears (16) averaged £174.38 and sold to £650 gross from Achnaha, Morven.  
Blackface three shears (13) averaged £276.92 and sold to £1,050 gross from Glenrines Farms, Keith.  
Blackface aged rams (4) averaged £182.50 and sold to £400 gross from West Bracklin, Callander.  
Texel rams (14) averaged £206.43 and sold to £350 gross from Veltigar, Orkney.  
Beltex rams (5) averaged £486 and sold to £700 gross from Crookston, Heriot.

Swale rams (3) averaged £213.33 and sold to £400 gross from Abercainey Estate, Creiff.  
Cheviot rams (20) averaged £212 and sold to £450 gross from Balmaglaister (Cameron), Spean Bridge.  
Blue Faced Leicester rams (6) averaged £375 and sold to £550 gross from Crookston.  
Suffolk rams (2) averaged £210 and sold to £220 gross from Newton of Crathie, Ballater.  
Other leading prices per head  
BF ram lambs - Elmscleugh, Dunbar, £3,600 & £2,000, Midlock, Crawford, £2,600 & £2,400, Dalchirla, £1,800.  
BF shearling - Midlock, £3,200, Elmscleugh, £2,600, Nunnerie Farm, Biggar, £1,900.  
BF two shear - Clints Farming, Heriot, £300.  
BF three shear - Craig Farm, Straiton, £550.  
BF Aged - West Bracklin, £200.  
Texel shearling - Succouth, Ardeonaig, £300, No 3 Glenrath, Kiarkton, £250.  
Beltex shearling - Crookston, £550 (twice).  
Cheviot 2 shear - East Bracklin, £400.  
Cheviot 3 shear - Balmaglaister, £300.  
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Blue Faced Leicester shearling - Crookston, £500.  
Suffolk shearling - Crookston, £200.  
United Auctions, Stirling, Thursday November 5: sold 7307 prime sheep, comprising of 5567 new season lambs selling to average an 205.30p and 1740 ewes and rams.  
New Season Lambs (5567) - Berrydyke (BTeX) £119.00; Doune Farms (BTeX) £117.00; Berrydyke, Groan & Doune Farms (BTeX) £114.00; South Flanders (Tex) £113.50; Wardhead (Tex) £110.00; Hangingshaw & Ballinloan (Tex) £109.00; South Flanders (Suf) £109.00; Pittenkerrie, Bogburn & Hangingshaw (Suf) £108.00; Balgay (Cha) £105.00; Fullarton (Cross) £98.00; Ballinloan (Chev) £97.00; Monzie & Cumnock House (Chev) £93.00; Bogburn (Mule) £94.50; Darnhall (Mule) £94.00; Coates, Dyke & Home Farm, Dens (Mule) £93.00; Rossie (Rom) £93.50; Letham (Chev/Mule) £93.00; Monzie (Chev/Mule) £90.00; Darnhall (BF) £92.50 x2; Home Farm, Dens (BF) £87.00; Burnhead (BF) £86.00.  
New Season Lambs (5567) - Berrydyke (BTeX) 267.00ppk; Coilavoulin (BTeX) 261.00ppk; Doune Farms & Groan (BTeX) 260.00ppk; Wardhead (Tex)

242.00ppk; Ballinloan (Tex) 241.00ppk; Claish 238.00ppk; Cairnton (Suf) 212.00ppk; Darnhall (Suf) 211.00ppk; Cairnton (Suf) £210.00ppk; Victoria (Chev) £218.00ppk; Cumnock House (Chev) 211.00ppk; Glenlyon (Chev) 210.00ppk; Doune Farms (BF) 217.00ppk, 212.00ppk & 211.00ppk; Lossit (Cross) 215.00ppk; Doune Farms (Mule) 207.00ppk; Hopes Estate (Mule) 206.00ppk; North Deanhead (Mule) 203.00ppk; Balgay (Cha) 206.00ppk; Rossie (Rom) 200.00ppk; Monzie (Chev/Mule) 197.00ppk; Letham (Chev/Mule) 195.00ppk x2.  
Ewes (1740) - Broadshane (Tex) £120.00; Cumnock House & Milton (Tex) £116.00; Chalmerston (Suf) £120.00; Pennyntersal (BFL) £115.00; Glenhead (TexX) £114.00; Braendam & Glenhead (TexX) £110.00; Hangingshaw & Overhill House (Cont) £106.00; Hole O Clean (SufX) £107.00; Broadshane (SufX) £104.50; Coilavoulin (BTeX) £103.00; Darnhall (CharX) £100.00; Easter Craigduckie (Mule) £87.00; Cumnock House (Mule) £86.00; Whitesykes (Mule) £85.00; Balnacree (Chev) £97.00; Moor & Colony (Chev) £96.00; Braeside of Lindores (Chev/Mule) £90.00; Point (Cross) £85.00.

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A83 REST AND BE THANKFUL LANDSLIDE PREVENTION WORKS  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
DETERMINATION UNDER SECTION 55A OF THE ROADS (SCOTLAND)  
ACT 1984**

The Scottish Ministers give notice that they have determined that the project to form a catchpit to address landslide risk at the A83 Rest and Be Thankful is a relevant project within the meaning of section 55A of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act") and falls within Annex II of Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of certain public and private projects on the environment, but that having regard to -

- (a) the selection criteria contained in Annex III of that Directive, namely -
  - (i) the size and design of the whole project;
  - (ii) the use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity;
  - (iii) the production of waste;
  - (iv) pollution and nuisances;
  - (v) the risks to human health (for example due to water contamination or air pollution);
- (vi) areas classified or protected under national legislation; Natura 2000 areas designated by Member States pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC and Directive 2009/147/EC,

(b) the results of the Environmental Screening Assessment under section 55A(2) of the 1984 Act and site ecological surveys undertaken in August 2019 and July 2020 which determined that with mitigation measures in place, there will be no significant effects on the environment, and in particular, the Glen Etive and Glen Fyne Special Protection Area and Beinn an Lochain Site of Special Scientific Interest and Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park,

(c) the information set out in the Record of Determination dated 15 October 2020, available at <https://www.transport.gov.scot/transport-network/roads/road-orders-and-records-of-determination/#63527>,

the project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment. The main reasons for the conclusion that no Environmental Impact Assessment is required are:

- (a) There will be a minor loss of some habitats which are ubiquitous in the wider area. Additionally, the areas that will be lost have been disturbed by grazing and are species-poor compared to typical examples of these habitats;
- (b) The scheme does not lie within a densely populated area, sites of historical, archaeological or cultural significance or sites designated for their geology or soils;
- (c) The scheme lies wholly within the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park (LLTNP), renowned for its famous landscape. Extensive liaison has been carried out with the LLTNP to ensure that the final design is one that does not compromise visitor experiences to the Rest and Be Thankful viewpoint;
- (d) Culvert works will be undertaken as prescribed in the licence obtained under The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011.

The features of the project which are envisaged to avoid or prevent significant adverse effects on the environment are:

- (a) Potential construction effects on local air quality, ecology, water quality, land use and landscape, and noise and vibration will be minimised through best practice working procedures and implementation of appropriate mitigation;
- (b) Excavation material will be re-used on site where possible and will be used at nearby works on the A83;
- (c) Delays to vehicle and non-vehicle road users will be mitigated through appropriate traffic management;
- (d) Works will be commencing prior to the bird breeding season (March to August inclusive).

**S R LEES**

A member of the staff of the Scottish Ministers  
Transport Scotland, Roads, Buchanan House,  
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## Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

Last week I received a lovely gift. It wasn't anything new or of monetary value, but to me it was very special.

It was a book from a friend who knew I would treasure it. The book had belonged to Dr Runa Mackay, who had died at the age of 98.

Dr Mackay was an amazing woman who touched the lives of so many and spent much of her long medical career working in Israel where she strove to improve the health of the Palestinian people.

She began her work in Israel in 1954 with a six-month locum job at the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society hospital in Nazareth. She stayed in Israel for the next 30 years. After retiring, she returned to Edinburgh in 1985. She was a member of the Iona Community and held dear its vision of justice and peace.

Runa was a member of the Medical Campaign against Nuclear Warfare, staffing its buses during the Edinburgh Festival and taking part in vigils in Glasgow and London.

A familiar figure each Saturday afternoon at Edinburgh's Women in Black vigils against injustice, war and violence, she was immortalised in the Scottish Parliament's Travelling the Distance installation to mark women who made a significant contribution to Scotland.

Runa was a feisty and determined woman who influenced and inspired many and was still demonstrating for that vision of peace into her 80s.

She had a long association with Kintyre and would come to Cleit church when she visited. A tiny woman wearing a fleece and a backpack, Runa seemed ordinary, but she was one of the most extraordinary people I have ever had the privilege of knowing.

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Eilidh Seaton received a surprise delivery of medical-themed cupcakes to mark the end of her placement.

### Cupcake treat for student

Carradale Surgery has said goodbye to Eilidh Seaton, its Aberdeen University fifth year placement student.

To mark the occasion, staff arranged a surprise delivery of Drumfearne Tearoom cupcakes with a special 2020 medical theme. The university and students highly value these seven-week placements to learn about remote and rural General Practice. A Carradale Surgery spokesperson said: 'A big thank you to all the patients who assisted with Eilidh's placement via telephone, video or face-to-face consultations.'



Pupils Brogan Bannatyne and Mark Dennis, owners of the champion and reserve champion pets, with school staff, left, and Ross Fennell, manager at the Scottish Salmon Company's Gigha site, right.

## Pony wins top prize in school pet show

After months of planning and preparation by pupils, Gigha Primary School has held its first pet show.

Under socially distanced arrangements, pupils brought their pets into the outdoor classroom on Wednesday October 28 to show the rest of the class.

Each pet was judged by retired British Army soldier Alistair McNeil, who served as an experienced and decorated dog handler and trainer with the Royal Army Veterinary Corps.

Pets entered into the show included dogs, ponies, a cat, a hamster and even a sheep!

Prizes were awarded for the best behaved pet, the best turned out and best presentation and were sponsored by the Gigha Hotel, Gigha Craft Unit and Gigha Trading Limited after written requests of support from the pupils.

The final class of best in show was sponsored by the Scottish Salmon Company with Brogan Bannatyne and her Shetland pony Gizmo winning the class.

### ISLE OF GIGHA

The reserve champion was awarded to Mark Dennis and his Cheviot cross sheep, Buster.

The pupils were extremely thankful for the level of support received for the pet show during such challenging times and hope it may become an annual event.

Head teacher Julie Wilson said: 'At Gigha Primary School we are always looking for opportunities to listen to our children and give them a voice. The pet show was a good example of us listening to something that children have wanted to do for a long time and them using their skills to make this happen.'

'At this time, when connecting people has become a daily challenge, we are very thankful to our island partners and community members for the way in which they engaged with and financially supported this event to make it such an outstanding success.'

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**BEATON** - Peacefully at home on November 9, 2020, Robert Beaton, aged 78 years, of 16 Queen Elizabeth Cottages, Furnace. Beloved husband of Frances Munro, much loved Dad of Catherine, David and Margaret and loving Grandpa to Andrew, Emma, William, Katie, Eilidh and Cara and Great Grandpa to Isabella, Leon and Mitchell. Sadly missed by us all. Funeral service will be held at Kilevin Cemetery, Crarae, on Friday, November 13, 2020. For those wishing to pay their respects, the funeral cortege will leave from Robert's home at 12.15pm travelling on to Kilevin Cemetery. Donations can be made in memory of Robert to Macmillan nurses and Marie Curie nurses Mid Argyll directly, or via Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors.

**BEVAN** - Suddenly at his home, Brackenburn, Eredine, on November 4, 2020, Nicholas (Nick) Bevan, aged 60 years. (Zoologist and Environmental Scientist). Loving and adored partner of Sandie Roddie. A dear brother, brother-in-law, and uncle to all the family. In line with current guidelines, a private funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium. Donations, if desired, can be made in memory of Nick directly to the British Heart Foundation and Amnesty International.

**MACLEAN** - Suddenly, but peacefully, on November 6, 2020, with his family by his side, Neil John MacLean on his 65th birthday, of 14 Brae Road, Ardrishaig. Beloved husband of Caroline Martin, dearly loved Dad of Michelle, Catrina and Elizabeth. Adored and proud papa of Thianna, Malcolm, Dylan, Zach, Jodie and Hailey. Dear brother of George, Cameron, Jamie and the late Donnie. A dear brother-in-law, uncle and cousin to all the extended family. Past

Master of Lodge Lochfyne 754, who was well respected amongst his fellow brethren. A private funeral service was held at Achnabreac Cemetery, on Thursday, November 12, 2020. Donations can be made to Cancer Research in memory of Neil John, or via Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors.

**MACLELLAN** - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 3, 2020, Mary MacLellan in her 95th year, 6 Mill Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late Eddie and Marion MacLellan and a much loved sister and aunt.

**MACLENNAN** - Peacefully at Ardenheim Care Home, Dunoon, on Saturday, November 7, 2020, Margaret MacRae MacLennan, née MacDonald, aged 78 years, of 12 Glenfyne Crescent, Ardrishaig. Beloved wife of Alistair MacLennan, dearly loved mother of Murdo, and much respected mother-in-law of Marian. Loving sister of Helen and the late Anne and John. A dear sister-in-law, aunt and cousin to all the family. A private family funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium, today, November 13, 2020. Forever in our thoughts.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**MARTIN** - Leslie, Gail and Thomas would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy including cards, letters and flowers following the passing of Tony. To all the neighbours for the amazing turnout to pay their respects. Thanks to Rev W Crossan for a comforting service. We would also like to thank Kenneth Blair and his staff for their professionalism and kindness shown to us and for undertaking all the business matters. Also thanking Jennifer and the Argyll Staff for excellent service, beautiful lunch. Fresh Connection for the beautiful flower arrangements.

**ROBERTSON** - Jan and family would like to thank everyone for the lovely flowers, cards and phone calls following the sad loss of Stuart. Thanks also to Rev William Crossan for a comforting and uplifting service. Also to all family and everyone that lined the route to the cemetery. Many thanks to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for professional caring services.

**TURNBULL** - The family of the late Eilidh Turnbull would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss. Our thanks to the nursing staff at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee for their care and attention given to Eilidh during her illness, which she fought with serenity, optimism and courage. Special thanks to Belinda Braithwaite, Humanist, for a fitting service and tribute; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their guidance and caring arrangements; to the Cairnbaan Hotel for purvey. Finally our thanks to family and friends who travelled to pay their respects at Achnabreac Cemetery. Eilidh will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

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**Our building is open for Sunday services and you would be welcome on Sunday, 15th November at 11am to join with us in our praise and worship service**

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CDJFA 2010 age group show off their AM Transport sponsored waterproof fleece-lined jackets.

## Campbeltown Juveniles dress for success

Fixtures may have been thin on the ground lately, but Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association players have been dressing for success regardless.

Vital outdoor training gear has been supplied by PT Painting while AM Transport has sponsored waterproof fleece-lined jackets for the 2010 age group.

CDJFA spokesperson Claire Mitchell commented: 'We thank Patrick and Gemma from PT Painting so much for their generous donation towards kitting the association out for outdoor training.'

'Also, we are so lucky as an association to receive this donation from AM Transport. Parents, players and coaches are delighted with the generosity and along with the committee we thank you all again.'



The 2009s age group with their outdoor training gear, sponsored by PT Painting.

# Brilliant finish sees Bob clinch first tour victory

by Fiona Scott

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Argyll's Bob MacIntyre capped a brilliant fortnight's golf on the European Tour by securing the first victory of his short career in the Cyprus Challenge at the stunning Aphrodite Hills resort.

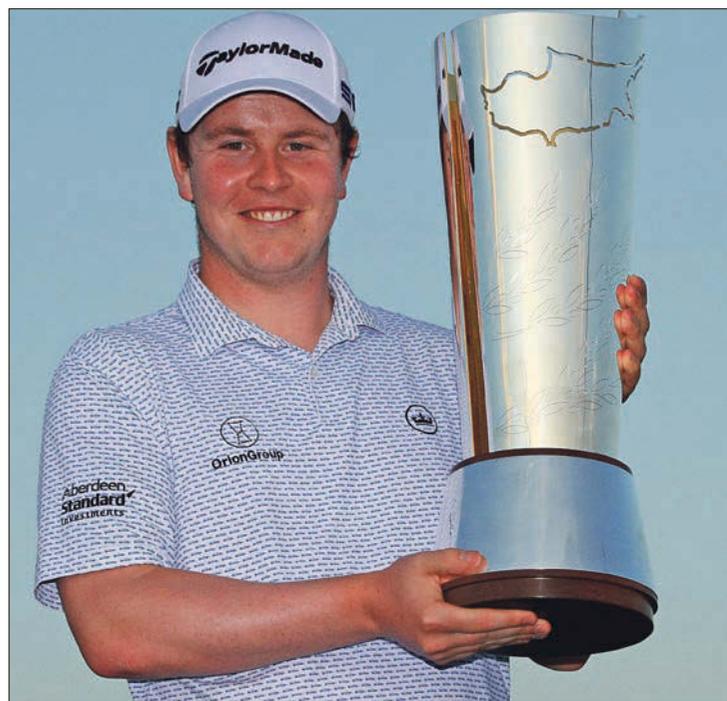
Following last week's third place finish on the same course, the Oban star went into the tournament as one of the favourites and after an opening round of 65, it was easy to see why.

The best was yet to come, however, and after comfortably qualifying for Sunday with rounds of 68 and 67, his final day winning score of 64 was sensational.

After almost aceing the par 3 17th hole, Bob knew he had to make birdie on the 18th to win the tournament.

Speaking after his round, the left-hander revealed that standing on the 18th tee he remembered his dad Dougie's advice to 'tee it high and let it fly'. And that is exactly what he did, launching a 345-yard monster straight down the centre of the fairway leaving himself a relatively comfortable nine-iron approach over the water to the green.

With all of Argyll cheering him on in front of their television screens, he hit a majestic approach shot to 20



Robert MacIntyre poses with the trophy after winning the Aphrodite Hills Cyprus Showdown at Aphrodite Hills Resort on November 8.

Photograph: Andrew Redington/Getty Images.

feet, rolled the putt up close and tapped in for a winning birdie four to complete a back nine of 30 which will live long in the memory of those who witnessed it. Speaking immediately afterwards, Bob told Sky Sports reporter Tim Barter: 'It is unbelievable. It's what I've dreamed of as a wee kid watching Scottish Opens at Loch Lomond.'

Speaking on Monday, Bob said he was elated to get his first European Tour win, after coming so close last year.

'This has been a stop-start

season, which has made it difficult for all the players, but I've still managed to keep a good level of consistency and over the past couple of events I felt my game was in great shape. After finishing in a tie for third place at last week's Cyprus Open, I knew I had a chance, as the event was being played over the same course, albeit with a different format.

'My game was solid all week and I was pleased with the way I was able to close it out on Sunday. There are just a handful of events left on this year's

Race to Dubai, but I feel confident heading into these events, and I'm looking forward to the end of season DP World Tour Championship in Dubai.'

Following his exploits in Cyprus, Bob has jumped to 62nd in the world rankings and 24th in The Race to Dubai standings.



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