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# Covid cancels Rotary Club's Christmas postal service

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Covid-19 restrictions have forced the Rotary Club of Campbeltown to cancel its iconic Christmas postal service this year – but not forever.

Pat Healey, club president, explained: 'We're all incredibly sad that we're unable to offer the local Christmas Post this year. Even after reviewing our processes and timescales for receiving, sorting and delivering some 10,000 Christmas cards across the South Kintyre communities, it's now clear from government and Rotary UK guidelines, plus input from our insurers, that it would be impossible to guarantee being able to meet current – and potentially future – Covid protocols during this second wave.'

'We have neither the infrastructure nor the access to testing to ensure the safety of our members and customers.'

'It's very disappointing, not just in being unable to provide this popular service

to our fellow citizens, but also for the funds it raises for the future support of local causes. However, this year, protecting our members and the community has to take priority.'

Like many other organisations, this year has been difficult for the club, with restrictions preventing its regular fundraising activities, including the annual primary schools quiz, support for Kintyre Music Festival, and attendance at outdoor events with its burger van, alongside other community awards such as Young Stockperson and Young Musician of the Year.

The club has played a significant role in South Kintyre for nearly 50 years, raising hundreds of thousands of pounds for the community in the form of grants awarded to support groups, organisations and individuals.

Pat added: 'This year, throughout lockdown and beyond, this support continues with the focus being the many wonderful groups which have assisted and supported

our community during these unprecedented times.'

Pat said: 'Thankfully, club meetings have been able to continue through regular Zoom sessions. These have not only been an opportunity for members to enjoy various guest speakers joining us online from across the UK to Washington DC, but have enabled us to make plans for future events when life returns to normal, including one major initiative which we hope to be able to share with you soon.'

'We also launched a new Rotary International competition earlier in the year – Young Photographer – and will shortly be showcasing all the entries and announcing which have been selected to go forward to the regional stages.'

'And, largely as a result of last year's fundraising activities, we are still in a position where we can continue to consider requests for support from local organisations.'

Contact The Rotary Club of Campbeltown by emailing [grogport99@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:grogport99@yahoo.co.uk).



Beinn an Tuirc Distillers team members Kirsten Nicholson, Su Black, Gareth Scott-Dodd and Emma Macalister Hall were jumping for joy this week after winning three prizes at the Scottish Gin Awards 2020. Turn to page three for more.

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**Vehicle seized**

A woman driver, aged 35, was charged by police for having no insurance after officers stopped a vehicle for a routine check at 3.15pm on Wednesday November 11, on Hutcheon Road, Campbeltown.

The owner of the car, a man aged 40, was also charged with allegedly allowing the driver to drive the vehicle without insurance.

The vehicle was seized.

**Arrested**

At about 4.40pm on Thursday November 12, in Longrow, Campbeltown, a 46-year-old man allegedly smashed a window causing glass to fall to the pavement below.

He was subsequently arrested and charged.

**Held for court**

At about 5am on Saturday November 14, in Shore Street, Campbeltown, a 32-year-old man allegedly breached bail conditions imposed by the court by

approaching a woman. The man then allegedly behaved in a threatening manner and assaulted one woman and robbed another woman.

The incident was later reported to police and the man was arrested, held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

**Charged**

A 35-year-old man was arrested in Saddell Street, Campbeltown, at 11.55am on Saturday November 14, for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner.

He then allegedly struggled with police, resisted arrest and made homophobic comments.

The man was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

**Police are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information on the above or any incident to phone 101 or anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.**

**Tributes flood in at passing of Provost Len Scoullar**

Tributes have been paid to Argyll and Bute's late Provost Len Scoullar, including from one of his predecessors in the post.

Mr Scoullar, who lived in Rothesay, passed away on Sunday November 15, aged 81, following a battle with illness.

Former Helensburgh councillor Billy Petrie, who served alongside Mr Scoullar on the council for 13 years, described him as 'a gentleman and a model councillor'.

Mr Scoullar had been the council's Provost since October 2013 and a councillor, representing people in Rothesay and on the island of Bute, since 1999.

His deputy and the chairperson of his local area committee have also been among those paying tribute.

Mr Petrie, who was the council's convener and Provost for many years until his retirement in 2012, said: 'I knew Len for a good number



**Len Scoullar who passed away on Sunday.**

of years. What I always think of, when I think about him, is a gentleman, and when he entered the council, he was a model councillor. He did a great deal for his community.'

Depute Provost Roddy McCuish, who had been chairing virtual council meetings during Mr Scoullar's absence, said: 'Len will be remembered most by many not just as the Provost, but as a great Provost.

'His devotion to the area, his care for other people and his drive to make a positive difference made him perfect for the role. I was proud to be his deputy. All our thoughts and sympathies go to his family. He will be missed by us all.'

Council leader Robin Currie said: 'It's difficult to imagine the council without Len. He served as a councillor for more than 20 years.

'He was devoted to the area, especially to his beloved Bute where he'd lived for more than 50 years.

'Len worked hard to support our people and communities in various roles, which included speaking up for the future of our islands.

'His genuine wish to help others made him a natural fit for the role of Provost, for which many will remember him most.

'We will miss Len and send our condolences to his family at this difficult time.'

**Lockdown to blame for domestic abuse, court told**

Pressures during lockdown led to a man standing before Campbeltown Sheriff Court for an incident of domestic abuse.

Alfie George Leary, aged 32, now living in Orpington, Kent, admitted he had acted in a threatening and abusive manner by shouting and swearing at his partner. He was not present in court last week but represented by an agent.

Leary and his wife were in Carradale at the time and 'had a barbecue, trying to ameliorate some of the tension building in the relationship due to the pandemic'. He went on to drink too much.

'Very heavily intoxicated, he was swearing and his partner was frightened by this conduct,' said David Glancy, procurator fiscal depute. The police were called.

Defence agent Ruben Murdanaigum said that the events of April 21 at the log cabins at Carradale were completely out of character for Leary 'and caused by financial pressures on the family due to lockdown'.

He added: 'He does not normally drink to excess.'

The couple have since moved south to live in England.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes fined Leary £120 and ordered him to pay a £10 victim surcharge.

'I am satisfied there is no need for a non-harassment order,' said the sheriff.

**Man fined for brandishing golf clubs**

A man living on Islay was fined £300 after tensions boiled over.

David Foley, aged 42, of The Inns, Main Street, Bowmore, was not present in court last week but had admitted being threatening and abusive, shouting, swearing, uttering threats and challenging others to fight and to also brandishing two golf clubs.

Procurator fiscal depute David Glancy said there were

issues between Foley's family and locals. 'This has been simmering for some time. This provides the background to what happened on the night in question,' he said.

A brief phone camera video showed Foley, with two golf clubs, standing in the street shouting at someone. The incident took place on December

14 last year in The Square, Bowmore.

During the 45-second clip, both parties shouted a considerable amount of obscenities at each other.

'It gives a flavour of what was happening,' said the fiscal.

Defence agent Stephen MacSporran said: 'The incident occurred during ongoing

antagonisation by locals. This has never happened before and Mr Foley has no previous convictions. He is a good man.'

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said that notwithstanding Foley's good character and 'outstanding character reference' from his employer, he would be fined £300.

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# Campbeltown iconic cross restored to former glory

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Work to restore Campbeltown Cross and its surrounds have been completed, returning the iconic 14th-century monument to its former glory.

Campbeltown Community Council member Catherine Dobbie and James Lafferty, Argyll and Bute Council's Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme officer, worked together on the project as part of the town centre's regeneration programme.

The cross had deteriorated over a number of years, becoming cracked and covered in lichen and algae. The bronze plaque was covered in verdigris and the railings were in a poor state.

Catherine said: 'The community council is indebted to Campbeltown Common Good Fund, Historic Environment



Catherine Dobbie, Angus Martin and James Lafferty at the small ceremony.

Scotland, Kintyre Antiquarian Society, Machrihanish Airbase Community Company and the Rotary Club of Campbeltown, all of which donated funds recognising the importance of conserving the cross.

'In addition, Glen Scotia,

Springbank and Glengyle distilleries donated whisky barrels which have been planted with tulip bulbs.'

Conservators Eric Waanders and Leire Gardezabal from Graciela Ainsworth Sculpture Conservation Ltd completed

the specialist works on the cross. James Lafferty co-ordinated the additional works carried out by local contractors to an excellent standard. These were: Taylor and Wishart, scaffolding; Graham Powell, stonemason; Archie Johnston, railings; Neil Galbraith, floodlights; and Gordon Bennie from Argyll Signs, interpretation board.

Due to current restrictions, a small ceremony was held to celebrate the restoration, with Angus Martin, local historian, author and poet giving a brief history of the eventful life of the cross and unveiling the interpretation board. This was recorded by Kenny Craig on behalf of the Campbeltown Courier and Kenny Ralston of Phonomorphics Ltd. A short video marking the importance of the cross and its renovation is being produced by Robert Westerman. This will be available on YouTube shortly.

## Kintyre distillery goes from strength to strength

The Kintyre Gin team was thrilled to win the award for Excellence in Sustainability at the Scottish Gin Awards last week.

The distillery's Tarbert Legbiter also won the High Strength Gin of the Year prize, while Kintyre Botanical Gin received a highly commended in the London Dry category during a hugely successful evening for the small distillery.

For the company, which is dedicated to keeping sustainability at the core of its business, the Excellence in Sustainability award is a wonderful acknowledgment, said the company.

Beinn an Tuirc Distillers Ltd was established following the installation of 100kw hydroelectric scheme on the Macalister Hall family estate where the business is located.

Beinn an Tuirc director Niall Macalister Hall was toasting the first kilowatts with a G&T when the seeds of an idea to create a Kintyre craft gin, distilled using sustainable hydro power, were sowed.

Fast forward four years and the company has gone from

strength to strength, expanding the range and the team and building up the existing infrastructure to include a gin school and a café, both opening in spring 2020.

Future plans include low food miles for the café by cultivating as much as possible in the estate's walled garden and the installation of an electric car charging port run from the hydroelectric scheme.

Director Kenny Macalister Hall said: 'Sustainability is key to everything we do.'

'We are about to complete an extensive study of the carbon footprint of the distillery and Torrisdale Estate which concludes our family-owned business has a carbon negative footprint.'

'In essence, the carbon we sequester through our woodlands and renewable energy generation more than off-sets carbon use in the production of our gin.'

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**Fine and ban for no breath test**

A man who would not be breathalysed has been fined £220 and disqualified from driving for a year.

Jan Mohamed, aged 74, of Dassia, Lossit Farm Road, Machrihanish, pleaded guilty at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week to failing to provide two specimens of breath for analysis on April 29 this year.

Procurator fiscal depute David Glancy said officers encountered Mohamed when dealing with another matter and they asked him to move his vehicle; events developed and he was asked to take a breath test.

'His position was that he did not have to,' said the fiscal. After refusing a roadside test and another at Campbeltown Police Station, Mohamed was arrested.

'It was a public road,' said the fiscal.

Defence agent Stephen MacSporran said that Mohamed, a retired gentleman, thought that he did not have to provide a test and he also apologised to the court.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes also ordered that Mohamed pay a victim surcharge of £20.

**Lost control of car after overtaking**

David Alexander Graham, aged 31, of 137 Sound of Kintyre, Machrihanish, admitted driving without due care and attention when he appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Procurator fiscal depute David Glancy said that Graham's car ended up down an embankment; prior to the accident he had been seen to be driving and completing an overtaking manoeuvre safely and carefully but failed to negotiate the turn at the junction near to McKerral's yard. There was a passenger in the car at the time.

Graham said to police: 'I lost control, I was going too fast.'

In his defence, Sheriff Patrick Hughes was told it was a 'momentary lapse'.

Graham was fined £300 and six penalty points were added to his driving licence.

**Islay identities used in card fraud**

A Glasgow man took personal information from people he knew and used this to obtain two credit cards.

Alan Ferguson Stewart, who also uses the name Callaghan,



Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

had obtained a credit card by fraud in June 2018 and also another card by fraud which he used to obtain goods valued at £310 by fraud. In each case he used details of people living in Bowmore, Islay.

He had previously admitted the offences and Sheriff Patrick Hughes had called for reports, before sentencing the 31-year-old at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Stewart's defence agent drew the sheriff's attention to background family history given in the reports, adding: 'There

is no connection between the parties now.'

Sheriff Hughes made Stewart, of Goyle Avenue, Glasgow, the subject of a community payback order in which he must work for 12 months on his rehabilitation with social workers and carry out 240 hours of unpaid work in the community within 15 months.

'This is a direct alternative to custody. If it does not work out you will be brought back to court and there will be no alternative but a custodial sentence,' said the sheriff.

**Do not want to see you again**

Sheriff Patrick Hughes told a 50-year-old woman that he hoped he would not see her in court again.

Adela Isabelle Stimpson, of Pensioners Row, Campbeltown, admitted threatening to damage a car and also behaving in a threatening and abusive manner when she appeared at the town's sheriff court last week.

Both incidents took place on June 26 this year after she had been drinking heavily while sitting in the communal garden at the property.

Procurator fiscal depute David Glancy described her as 'extremely intoxicated' and taking exception to a parked car.

Stimpson told the owner of the 2016-plate Range Rover: 'I am going to scratch the \*\*\*\* out of that tonight.'

Shortly after, a woman, who had parked her car on nearby New Quay and was sitting with her child in the car with the windows open, encountered Stimpson, who leaned into the car and was abusive and threatening.

'Police think she was so drunk that she mistook the woman's car for the other

vehicle; this was someone who had the misfortune to park up and be in the wrong place at the wrong time,' said the fiscal.

Defence agent Stephen MacSporran said that Stimpson apologised for her behaviour and had apologised to the woman.

He said that she had found lockdown very difficult and frustrating.

The sheriff said he noted that Stimpson had not been able to have help she usually received from religious organisations, but added: 'It does not give you an excuse to drink to excess.'

He fined her a total of £200 and told her: 'I hope not to see you back in court again.'

**Threatening video message**

Christopher Corkindale, aged 35, of 108 Smith Drive, Campbeltown, was fined £160 at the town's sheriff court last week and ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £10, when he pleaded guilty to sending a video message on June 23 this year that contained abusive language and threats of violence.

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# Time's running out - is your business ready for a new start with Europe?

The way the UK does business with Europe changes from January 1, heralding a new start. All companies that trade with the EU need to act now to make sure they are set to go.

CHANGE ON how we trade with Europe is fast approaching and all companies need to be ready now to make sure they can do business.

Those companies acting now will be best placed for the UK's new start and to take advantage of new opportunities from January 1.

Unless businesses have all the correct processes, contracts and agreements in place they will not be able to trade with the EU from that date.

They will need to make import and export declarations to move goods between the UK and the EU, as currently happens between the UK and countries outside the EU.

## JUST THE BUSINESS

**If you run a business, it is important you check what you need to do now by visiting [gov.uk/transition](http://gov.uk/transition)**

**Very few businesses make their own import and export declarations and use someone else to deal with them, such as freight forwarding companies and fast parcel operators. They**

**will often be able to complete your import and export declarations as part of their service. Now is the time to speak to these companies so you have everything in place by 31 December. Further guidance is among list of customs agents and fast parcel operators at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)**

To help with changes to trade the UK Government has put a range of support measures in place. These include introducing new border controls in stages up until July 1 2021 and providing more than £80 million to boost the capacity of the customs intermediary sector. It

has also provided £705 million for border infrastructure, staffing and IT, to ensure border systems are fully operational when the UK takes back control of its border after the end of the transition period.

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**PORT OF DOVER:** New border controls will be introduced in stages up until July 1, 2021.



**STRONG RECOMMENDATION:** Rob Coy, Commercial Manager, PBS International Limited.

“We have found it simple to navigate the [gov.uk/transition](http://gov.uk/transition) website for information”

EXECUTIVES AT plant and seed producers PBS International appointed an expert and turned to the UK Government website to help them be ready for January 1.

Commercial Manager of the East Coast-based company Rob Coy said: “The gov.uk/transition site has evolved into an excellent source of information and I would strongly recommend it to businesses who are either

continuing, or planning, to export to the EU.

“We have found it simple to navigate and find the relevant information on importing and exporting from January 1 2021.”

Alongside its core markets of the USA and South East Asia, it exports a significant number of pollination control products to several EU countries including France, Germany, Austria,

Netherlands & Belgium. Shipments range from small packages through to large crate consignments.

The company set up an implementation team that has met regularly throughout the transition period to ensure it identifies the relevant procedures and documentation that will come into force from January 1.

During the transition period, it has also worked with

suppliers in Europe to ensure that they are also aware of and prepared for the changes ahead. In terms of materials, it has increased its stock levels to mitigate any risk of potential delays in the supply chain.

“At PBS, we have the advantage of many years of export experience so we already have in place an EORI number for our business which is imperative for future EU trade,” said Mr Coy.

## Check, Change, Go

To find out more about the UK's new start go to [gov.uk/transition](http://gov.uk/transition)



Let's get going >

# Kintyre helps to provide Christmas love and cheer

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A national charity has been overwhelmed by the response from the Kintyre community following its 2020 Shoebox Appeal.

On Thursday, November 5, the Blythswood Care truck visited Campbeltown and collected more than 120 shoeboxes wrapped in Christmas paper and filled with gifts.

People from the town and as far afield as Southend and Tayinloan came to deliver their boxes, and to bring some happiness to people who have very little by way of material possessions.

The lorry then headed for Tarbert and Lochgilphead where it collected more boxes before taking them to a sorting depot for checking before being transported on to Eastern Europe.

'Blythswood provides a list



**Far left: Blythswood Care drivers James O'Neil and Gerry Tapley were overwhelmed by the response from Kintyre.**

**Left: The mother of these children, named Firjona, Valtrimi and Valtrina, said how helpful the shoeboxes are to the family.**

of items to put in the box, and the choice is whether to pack a box for a boy or a girl, a man, or a woman. A label is stuck on the box telling what is inside. Essentials are hats, scarves, gloves, socks, underpants, toothbrush and paste, soap, sweets and for a child a small toy,' said Blythswood Shoebox Appeal supporter Liz Ferguson.

'The fun is to see how much more you can get in. But

what we do not see is the difference it makes to lives in Eastern Europe.'

**Here is Firjona's story:**

Firjona is five years old, Valtrimi is three and Valtrina is not yet two. They were not wearing shoes when Faton Berisha delivered Blythswood shoeboxes to their one-roomed home near the city of Gjakova, Kosovo.

It is unlikely they own shoes. The parents of these children

struggle to even feed their family, and their only available work is by recycling waste aluminium and plastics. Almost half of all households in the Balkan state have no refuse collection, which creates an opportunity for families like these to rummage through the waste.

But it comes at considerable cost: it was estimated that workers in the unregulated recycling sector earned be-

tween 50 and 100 euros per month, with children often assisting their parents in the hazardous work. The result is missed school and further stigmatisation of ethnic minorities, especially Roma families. Working with rubbish does not build respect.

'The mother of these children said that the shoeboxes are so helpful to them,' said Faton, 'especially toiletries such as soap, shampoo and toothpaste.

The gifts you so lovingly pack in your shoeboxes are essential for these families who are living in such dire poverty. You are making a difference in this world.'

If anyone has not heard of the shoebox appeal before or have not got round to packing a box, there is always next year.

Start preparing now by checking out the stories on the Blythswood Care website at [blythswood.org](http://blythswood.org), and if buying a pair of shoes over the year, don't throw away the box but save it up for next September/October. For the Blythswood team who came down with the lorry, one of the highlights was being handed a box by a young person who had just heard about the Shoebox Appeal and wished she had known about it earlier.

And the latest news is that this week already a lorry has left Scotland to take shoeboxes to Romania.

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# Council urges people to plan ahead

Argyll and Bute Council's winter roads' maintenance plan is now up and running to tackle the worst of the cold weather ahead.

People can help keep themselves safe by following the council's daily action plan to keep up-to-date with what overnight road conditions are likely to be and what the gritting schedule is, helping people to prepare for the following morning. Details are on the council website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/winter](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/winter)

When freezing conditions are forecast the council has 33 gritters to pre-treat more than 750 miles of road, more than 50 per cent of the entire network. This is the equivalent of driving from Lochgilphead

to Paris.

The council is also grateful to have a network of local contractors which can be mobilised in emergencies.

The routes are determined in order of priority, with resources focused on the roads which carry the greatest amount of traffic. The roads team works diligently to this strict programme.

A council spokesperson said: 'Keeping our roads clear takes careful planning. We have a team of people who analyse local weather forecast data so we know by the end of each day what we need to do to make sure the roads are treated appropriately the following morning.'

Councillor Rory Colville,

policy lead for roads and infrastructure services, said: 'This is my first chance as policy lead to pay tribute to our roads workers. They are up, in the early hours when it's cold and icy, to start making roads safe

for the rest of us.

'I'd still urge everyone to think about their own safety and plan ahead. This year, even more than others, council resources may be stretched to the limit because of Covid-19.

'Check the roads before you leave home. You can find live-event road cameras, our daily action plan which includes our gritting schedule, and our adverse weather plans on our website. Please make use of

this information. Follow our Facebook and Twitter for extra information.'

The council is also urging people to consider if, in very bad weather, their journeys are absolutely necessary.

## Applications open for new Scottish Child Payment

The Scottish Government is launching a new benefit scheme for families.

Scottish Child Payment starts on February 15 2021 and will give families on certain benefits and tax credits an extra £40 every four weeks for each child under six.

Social Security Scotland will deliver the benefit on behalf of the Scottish Government. It is expecting huge demand which is why they are asking families to apply now. By taking applications early, they can make sure they have all the information they need to check eligibility. This will help them make a decision and, if eligible, make payments as quickly as possible once the benefit starts.

To get the payment a child will need to be under six years old on Monday February 15. Families also need to be getting one of these - Child Tax Credit, Income Support, Pension Credit, Working Tax Credit, Universal Credit, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or income-related Employment and Support Allowance.

If anyone applies before Monday February 15, the payment will be calculated from Monday February 15.

Make sure to get all the money due by applying in advance.

If anyone applies after Monday February 15, their payment will be calculated from the date they apply.

Social Security Scotland delivers a number of benefits for families. This includes Best Start Grant Pregnancy and Baby Payment, Early Learning Payment, School Age

Payment and Best Start Foods. Applications for these and the Scottish Child Payment all use a single, straightforward form.

Mhoraig Green, strategic lead for social justice, Citizen's Advice Scotland, said: 'We are really looking forward to the new Scottish Child Payment. We know lots of families in Scotland are facing tough times at the moment and are struggling to make ends meet and this new money will help to make their lives easier.'

'What's really important is that everyone who is entitled to the payment makes a claim when applications open in November. Citizens Advice Bureau is working to help people access the social security they are entitled to. If you are unclear about whether you are entitled or you need help applying then please get in touch.'

Stacey Bush, 36, of Girvan, South Ayrshire, said: 'I have three children aged three, five and 17.'

'When my husband was furloughed and out of work we didn't have a lot of money. I relied a lot on my nan and my mum. This new payment would mean I wouldn't need to do that. I could put it towards shopping.'

'We struggle so it would help to take the stress away - clothes, shoes and I'd probably like to spend it on a day out. We don't ever have the money to do fun things with the children, so I'd like to spend it on something like that.'

For more information or to apply for Scottish Child Payment, visit [mygov.scot/benefits](http://mygov.scot/benefits) or call 0800 182 2222.

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## Apply now for Scottish Child Payment

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Social Security Scotland delivers a number of benefits for families. This includes Best Start Grant Pregnancy and Baby Payment, Early Learning Payment, School Age Payment and Best Start Foods. You apply for Scottish Child Payment and all of these using a single straightforward form.

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## Christmas post cancelled

News that the Rotary Club of Campbeltown has had to cancel its Christmas postal service will no doubt come as a disappointment to many.

It is important to remember that members thought long and hard to try to find a way of being able to run the service despite the current and potentially future restrictions, but had to put the safety of themselves and the community first.

The Rotary Club perhaps doesn't always get the credit it's due for its fundraising work to support local groups and individuals, something which it has done quietly for nearly half a century.

Hopefully by next year things will have returned to some level of normality and people will be back using the Rotary's Christmas postal service.

## Caring Christmas gesture

This week's back page article about Abigail McAllister, Jessica McGeachy and Emma Johnston, three primary four pupils who are planning to walk 10K together to raise money to improve Christmas for children across Scotland, is truly heartening.

This year must have been very challenging and scary for the girls but they are focusing not on themselves, but on others less fortunate, and are supporting Children 1st at a time when charities struggle the most. Good luck girls.

# GET INVOLVED

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## Devolution one of Blair's biggest mistakes

Boris Johnson is wrong when he claims allowing Scotland to have a devolved parliament was Tony Blair's biggest mistake.

The decision to join the USA in the invasion of Iraq was Blair's biggest error, a decision based on the 'dodgy dossier' that anyone with half a brain could see had no validity. It cost the lives of 179 British servicemen and severe injuries to many more but it made Blair a rich man, resulting from his popularity in America where many of my friends still think the sun shines from his posterior.

I would agree, however, that allowing the electorate in Scotland to vote in favour of devolution was undoubtedly Blair's second biggest mistake.

His motivation was to placate those crying for Scottish independence, following the discovery of North Sea oil, but the irony was that it led to a series of disastrously incompetent Labour/Lib Dem coalition governments.

These in turn resulted in the electorate choosing, in 2007, a minority SNP government, enabled by support from the Greens.

My letter would be far too long were I to dwell on all the areas of incompetence in Holyrood government since 2007, so I'll confine my evaluation to education, upon which the future of Scotland depends.

In 2007, Salmond's election promise was primary school class sizes of under 18 but, two years later, Fiona Hyslop changed that target to fewer than 25 pupils. That was just before Salmond sacked her and Mike Russell admitted smaller class sizes might not be possible before 2015.

Those councils that did enforce the limit of

25 only did so by refusing places to children whose siblings were at the same school.

The 'attainment gap' between children from poorer backgrounds and those from more affluent areas has continued to widen rather than diminish, as Nicola Sturgeon promised, while older students cannot find places at Scottish universities because these have to be allocated to foreign students, whose fees are a necessity to fund the universities.

Meanwhile, I hate to think what Scotland's deficit is now. It was around eight per cent of GDP before Covid decimated so many areas vital to Scotland's economy.

Doubtless, Alex Orr will remind me Scotland cannot legally have a deficit, but an independent Scotland could and it would prevent the dream of Scotland rejoining the EU from ever being attained.

Brian Gee, Carradale East.

## More channels for Islay

In the recent storms, 12 houses at Bruach Gorm, Port Charlotte, using the communal West Highland Housing Association satellite dish, lost half our Sky channels, including BBC 2 and STV.

As I write, it's been 15 working days since at least three of us that I know of reported the issue to West Highland, but not a word of a fix date.

The dish has done well for 13 years, but things degrade over time. I had an inkling this year there would be a dish problem and in the summer I bought a TV aerial kit for £16 – a lot cheaper than fitting a dish. I put the aerial in the loft and there is a good reception, with BBC2 and STV back. It is storm-proof in the loft, though I was disappointed with the lack of channels from the Bowmore transmitter.

I Googled it and the mast is a Freeview Light

and lacks channels other UK areas enjoy. I use Sky HD freeview channels but with Sky you have to navigate the TV guide through all the blocked subscription channels to find the one you want to watch. Via the Bowmore mast, the TV guide just lists the freeview channels, which is great.

Freeview said there are more channels available on main transmitters than there is on relay transmitters, which play a vital role in providing more remote areas a TV coverage.

There are a lot of aerials on houses and I think Islay's TV transmitters should get an upgrade to the same channels as other areas expect.

I will also raise this issue with those elected to improve our lives including MSP, MP, council leader Councillor Currie and Councillor Horn.

Colin M Campbell, Port Charlotte, Islay.

## Nominate a brave child

I think we all need a boost of positive news, so I would like to appeal to your readers to give a brave and special young person in your area the credit they deserve by nominating them for the 2021 WellChild Awards.

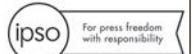
We are looking for inspirational children and young people who have defied the odds in the face of serious illness and the selfless nurses, doctors, brothers, sisters and friends who help care for them.

This is your opportunity to give them the recognition they deserve at a prestigious event regularly attended by WellChild Patron, The Duke of Sussex. Nominations are open now so please get yours in before the closing date of Monday December 14 at noon. More information can be found on WellChild's website or by calling 01242 530007.

Gaby Roslin, WellChild ambassador.

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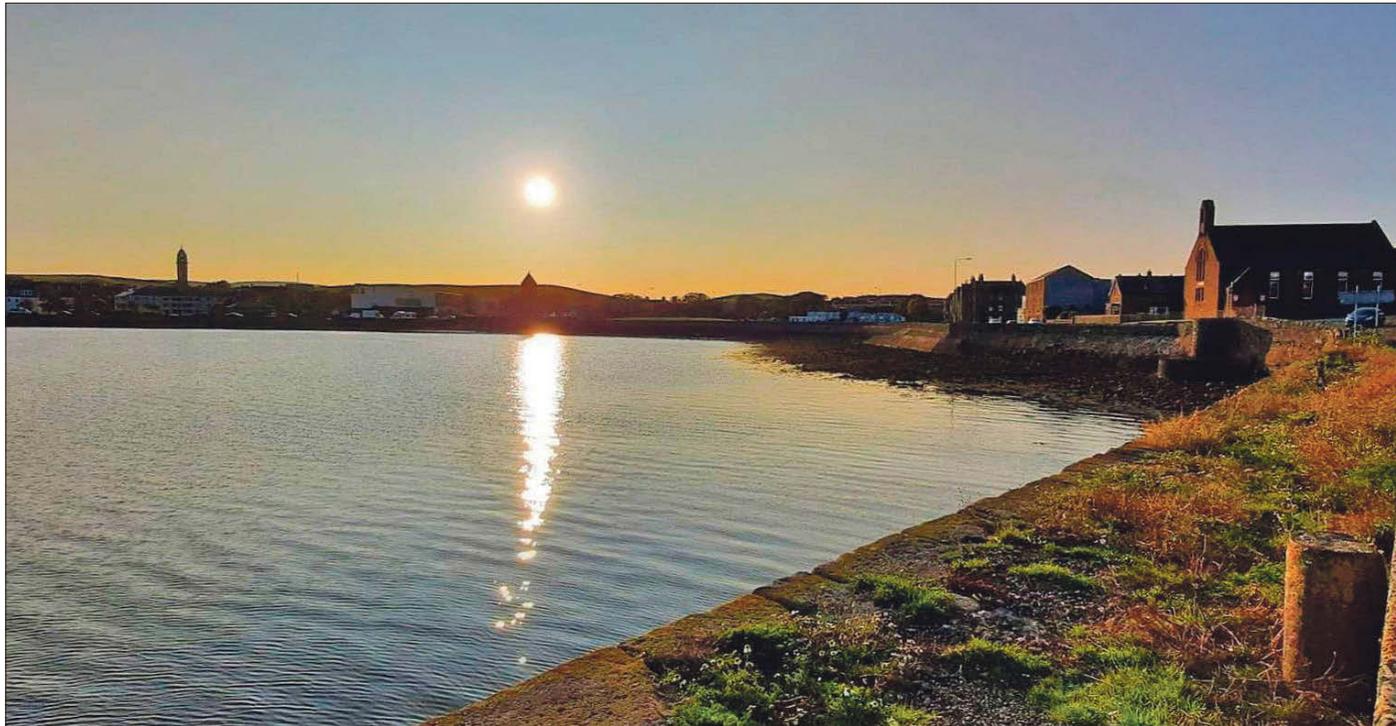
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## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's photograph, showing the view of Campbeltown's centre from Dalintober pier, was sent in by Kimberley Robertson. Kimberley, from Campbeltown, took the photograph on a recent Saturday evening walk with her children. If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to [editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk](mailto:editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk) or send it to us via the Courier's Facebook page.

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# FROM OUR FILES

## TEN YEARS AGO

**Friday November 19 2010**

### Legion colours on parade

The formation of a new branch of the Royal British Legion of Scotland has revitalised Campbeltown's annual Service of Remembrance.

The parade to the war memorial at the Kinloch has grown in number and the turnout by members of the public to watch the event was also greater than in previous years.

After the traditional two-minute silence at 11am and wreath-laying, the parade marched to Highland Parish Church for the service and afterwards soup and sandwiches were served at Argyll Bowling Club.

The day before, the Legion organised a brief service at the war graves in Kilkerran Cemetery.

## TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

**Friday November 24 1995**

### RAF denies deal on Machrihanish

The Ministry of Defence and the Scottish Office are remaining tight-lipped about reports the air strip at RAF Machrihanish is to be put into civilian hands next year.

Talks have been going on about the possibility of the air strip being turned over to Highlands and Islands Airport Limited.

It is understood that agreement has now been reached for a hand-over in February. A spokesman for the Scottish Office, which owns



**In 2010: For the first time, Royal British Legion Scotland colours were paraded at Campbeltown War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Twins Tommy and Billy Morran carried the Legion standard and Union Flag and piper John McGeachy played Flowers of the Forest during the ceremony.**

Highlands and Islands Airports, would only say that whatever happened to RAF Machrihanish the future of scheduled civilian and air ambulance flights would be secure.

An RAF spokesman would only say that the status of RAF Machrihanish was 'under constant review'.

In June 1994, the base was put on a 'care and maintenance basis' with the transfer of more than 150 RAF personnel to other duties.

The decision came after a £50 million upgrading of the runways, hangers and storage units. It also followed a US decision to stop using RAF Machrihanish as an operating base for its maritime patrol aircraft.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

**Friday November 20 1970**

### Bronze Age skeleton uncovered

A tomb, believed to be about 3,400 years old, has been excavated in a field behind Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown.

Dr E Peltenburg, the Glasgow University tutor in extra-mural archaeology for Argyll, excavated the Bronze Age burial cist at the request of Father James Webb, who discovered it recently.

A badly crushed skeleton has been uncovered together with well-preserved grave goods including jet beads and beautifully worked flint blades. These finds are being carefully treated and studied at present. The excavation was a topic of conversation at recent Wednesday afternoon archaeology classes in Argyll.

## Waterspout observed off Kintyre

An unusual natural spectacle, a waterspout, was witnessed last Thursday morning on the west coast of Kintyre.

It was estimated by one observer to have been about 1,000 feet in height.

Mr A C MacAllister, Tigh Na Baan, Glenbarr, first saw the waterspout about 10am and drove south keeping it in view.

At one point he was travelling at 70mph, yet he did not succeed in drawing level with it.

The waterspout was in sight for about 20 minutes before it was engulfed by a hail storm off Westport.

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

**Saturday November 20 1920**

### A boon to pensioners

The rise in the cost of living during recent years brought in its train many cases of hardship to that class of superannuated public servants whether engaged in teaching, police or other national service.

Retired on allowances which were reasonable at the time these were granted, such pensioners made repeated and, till now, fruitless representations to the Secretary for Scotland through various Scottish MPs.

We are glad to note, however, that their petition has at length secured from the Treasury equitable payment on a percentage basis and regulated according to the whole means of living presently held by a pensioner and his wife.

Full conditions and particulars have just been intimated to those immediately affected.

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# A previously unpublished war diary

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

The Courier continues to share more from 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, during and after the war, were supplied by Neil's son Calum, who knew nothing of the diary until after his father's death. This week continues from July 1940.

**July 18** - We received our first Red Cross parcel (RCP) between six of us, it was just a snack. Just the usual routine.

**July 23** - We posted our first letter. Sent it to Glebe Street (sent letters 7? through the RC before but don't think they would get home). The potatoes we were receiving were bad, some new ones arrived on the 30th. I had to go to the workhouse to peel spuds. Between six of us we managed to steal (or should I say take) a stone of them. At night we put a fire on in our room and boiled them, put some meal over them and

did we enjoy them (the best meal since we were captured) but they found out about it so that put an end to it.

**August 4** - Posted letter home to Jessie. On 6th we had all our hair off and we sure looked some sight but soon got used to it.

**August 7** - RCP between five men. The dinner here started to improve. Working parties started to grow. I was put in one but refused to go as Alex was left. On the 15th we moved out in a work party (after a good clean up). Six Campbeltown men in our party. Landed at Wongrowitz and went out to work on the 16th at a Jewish cemetery. Spent a few days there and then 10 of us were put to pull down a large building along with the Poles. The Poles were good to us, giving us smokes, drink, fruit. We were glad to get it as the food at the camp was poor. No breakfast, soup (water) for dinner, one small loaf between two and a teaspoonful of jam for tea. We complained all the time.

Continued next week.



Neil MacLean, back left, and three other Campbeltown men, Alex McKinven, back right, Finlay Huie, left, and Duncan McLachlan, right, who were prisoners of war together, in 1958 with Johan Schipper, middle front, their former prison guard, who came to Campbeltown to visit them.

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Trained pharmacy teams are able to provide advice on how to manage a range of common conditions, such as aches and pains, allergies, skin complaints, tummy upsets, runny or blocked noses, cold sores, and for women, urinary tract infections. They can also supply NHS treatment, including certain prescription only medications, if necessary.

If you need to speak with a pharmacist, you'll be asked to provide details about yourself (such as name and address) to help them provide a record of care. As with other NHS services, everything you share is confidential, and many community pharmacies now offer private consulting spaces.



If your condition needs treatment the pharmacist cannot provide, they will help you access the right care by directing you to the appropriate place.



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Harry McQuillan from Community Pharmacy Scotland said:

"Community pharmacies are part of the NHS and can provide a safe and professional service for those with minor illnesses, supplying NHS treatment where necessary.

The NHS Pharmacy First service is available to everyone living in Scotland and you can access it from any community pharmacy to receive advice and treatment. You can also find self-help guidance for a range of common conditions on the NHS Inform website.

Your local community pharmacy will be doing everything it can to help keep people safe during the coronavirus pandemic, and you can help them by following the guidance when you visit."

For more information visit [nhsinform.scot](https://nhsinform.scot)



**Search is on for high tech families with bad habits**

Scottish television company, Beezr Studios, is looking for families with teenagers to take part in a new television show, Screen Grab.

The show is all about helping people tackle their bad tech habits and reliance on screens by showing them how to make the most of it in a healthy way. This new series is the modern day Supernanny for tech.

Ronan Osborne, researcher for Beezr Studios, said: 'We are searching for families in the Campbeltown area, who use every and any technology, to take part and will have a tech expert offering advice and tips to show how to use technology so it doesn't consume the family home.'

'This is a new and exciting series led by a global industry expert which will be a truly fun and eye-opening experience, so if you would like expert advice and savvy tips showing you how to make tech work for you - get in touch.'

Anyone interested in taking part should contact screengrab@beezr.tv

# Flower club's blooming marvellous displays



Campbeltown Flower Club held its monthly meeting last week with some bright and beautiful blooms on display.

The group has been meeting every second Wednesday of the month since September in the Kirk Street Hall, sticking strictly to Covid rules.

Here is a wee peek at this month's offerings, including a display using Christmas baubles, which were made at home, and one using lichen covered branches.



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Treat yourself to some good food, drinks and thoughtful presents to give. Do some good, too, by helping out a charity or people who might need a little extra help.

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# rate Good Times!

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Covid will not cancel Christmas; it will take more than a bug to stop us. This is Argyll, we know how to roll with the

punches, and by doing so coming up with the perfect solution. Never forget that we know how to throw a great party – even if the ceilidh and the cràic are on-line this year, or shouted from doorstep to doorstep.

And remember that the key to Christmas is to have fun and a stress-free time preparing for it. That is why we are so lucky here in Argyll. Our shops, produce, restaurants and services are so unique and special. Why give yourself the stress and hassle by shopping elsewhere?

## Christmas Bubbles

*Last year the only bubbles we had to worry about were in our Prosecco – oh, how things have changed! Never fear, be it bubbles or baubles, we are going to have a sparkling Christmas 2020 and it is going to fizz with good things. This is going to be a very special Christmas, because it is going to be so very different compared with the type of Christmases to which we have become accustomed. There is no mistaking that we have all had tough times to deal with in 2020 and uncertainty has caused so much worry for so many of us. That is why we need to make this a special Christmas; a bright, happy moment in the midst of a winter packed with woes.*

*You do realise, don't you, that this Christmas is going to go down in family history? It will be: 'Do you remember the Covid Christmas when we . . . .' It is going to be a year we remember, so make it a year worth remembering! Have your recent Christmases seemed to blur into one? Well here is our chance to do something special for the people who have that special place in our hearts.*



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# Kintyre Christmas

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Through thick and thin this year Campbeltown stalwarts McIvor's have been there for us all with their range of fresh produce and the ever-popular Fresh Connections and Tree Shop gifts and floristry is a must

for presents as is our new toy and gift shop Utopia. Kintyre Larder is another success story, now expanding into prime location premises on Main Street to offer even more local produce.

Alongside the town centre's revitalisation there is another triumph. In recent years Glenbarr Stores and Muasdale Stores have breathed new life into, and been text-book lessons in how to redefine successful village shops.

This is going to be a great Christmas here in Kintyre.



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# A toy-tastic emporium Santa would be proud of

From the mini-sized shopping baskets by the door to the pram-friendly entrance and artificial grass instead of carpet, it is easy to see that Utopia Toys and Gifts is made for children...and big kids of all ages.

The latest addition to Campbeltown's town centre is on Longrow and is the dream of Susan Ferguson, with the backing of husband Nigel and their children Faith and Sunny.

'I worked for Smyth's Toys when we lived in Northern Ireland and it was one of the best jobs I ever had, and I realised that there was a gap in the market here in Campbeltown,' said Susan. The family moved here three years ago.

'We aim to provide the full shopping experience for children of all ages,' she added, 'from pocket money toys right through to big names.'

On the shelves you will find firm favourites, such as Lego, Barbie, Thomas the Tank Engine, Fisher-Price and more.

Utopia is rainbow themed, with white clouds on the ceiling, and once Covid regulations allow there will be a drawing table for children to sit and create along with a chalkboard. When the weather allows, you will be able to follow the trail from the bubble machine to the toyshop's front door.

'Alex Campbell at AC Joinery really helped create the look, interpreting all my ideas perfectly,' said Susan.

The response from Campbeltown has been amazing, she added: 'I could not have imagined how great people have been and I want to thank them for their support.'



## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

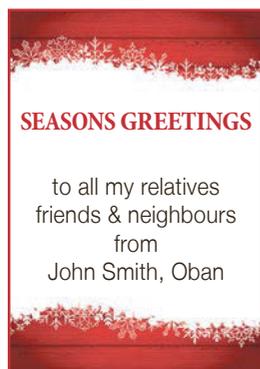
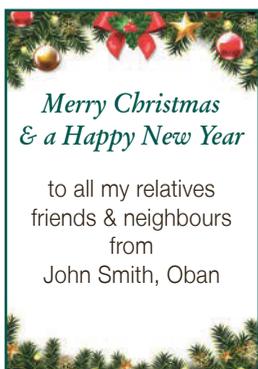
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'In Ireland we are very big on dressing up for weddings and events, and we are known for our wedding outfits and occasion wear, and once we are clear of all the Covid restrictions I will be extending the range here in Campbeltown,' she said.

At present Queen B on Longrow has a wonderful range of autumn-early winter clothing. This features many exciting Irish labels which will be new to customers this side of the North Channel: Rant and Rave, Toxik jeans, and Zac and Zo.

'The mood is very much smart casual,' said Brenda, who makes a point of going to trade shows in France and Italy.

Queen B also stocks the Jenny Glow range of luxury fragrances from Ireland and these are proving to be very popular with Kintyre customers.

Brenda said that with her husband working for Caledonian MacBrayne on the Ardrossan-Arran route it made sense to open her third shop on this side of the channel and she will be travelling between the businesses with manager Karen helping to run the Longrow boutique.

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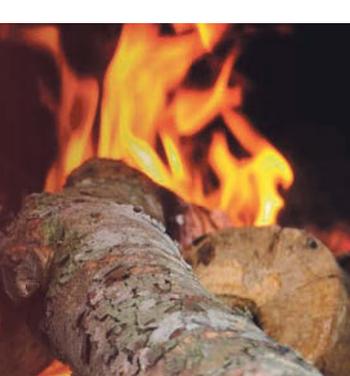


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exercise and fresh air, and that means wrapping yourself up wind and waterproof, and getting out there to enjoy yourself in our wonderful outdoors. You don't have to go climb a mountain! A walk along one of the many beaches in Kintyre, around the bay in Campbeltown or The Front in Lochgilphead can be just as exhilarating. You can walk off the food or work up an appetite and show off your new clothes or Christmas bike, and say hello to the people you meet.

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# A merry Mid Argyll Christmas

Even during this crazy time we find ourselves in, it is our hope that everyone enjoys themselves and has a fantastic time and that the many retailers and restaurants across Mid Argyll benefit from a wave of support from local people.

It's easy to click, click, click, but let's keep the high street alive!

Whether you are in Inveraray, Lochgilphead Ardrishaig or Tarbert, everything you need is within walking

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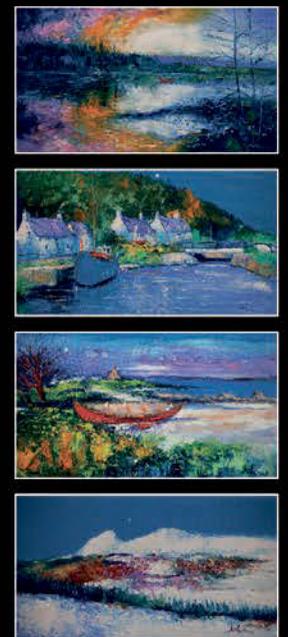
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Santa and Rudolph have never had such effective back-up! All across the region businesses are delivering their goods and services themselves, sending them by nationwide couriers and the Royal Mail, or liaising with our own courier services based here in Argyll to make sure that Christmas stays on course. You might not be able to get out for your usual Christmas dinner, but the great thing is that many of our leading hotels and restaurants are doing home deliveries or a takeaway service, with many are calling on local couriers and taxis to make deliveries for them.



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**SIGNWORD**

In this crossword the clues are printed in what would normally be the 'black' squares. Follow the signs from each clue to find where the word should fit.

Clues in black squares:

- Athletic
- Elton ----, English singer (pic)
- Rue
- Learned written composition
- Extra run at cricket
- Worry
- Lash
- Enclosure
- Graceful dance
- Bright light from fire
- Red-breasted bird
- Counter
- Started
- Laments
- Welcome
- Electrical instrument
- Mediterranean island
- North African capital
- Pull
- Ballet step
- Nobleman
- Makes beer
- Moisten in cooking
- Playing card
- Great ape
- Act as directed
- Sink back
- Lively dance
- Burton, US film director
- Flies high
- Angelina ----, US actress
- Divisions of quantity
- Protrude
- Ripped
- Produce offspring
- Hair mousse
- Serenity
- Very carefully
- Baglike structure
- Stiffy formal
- Perfumes
- Famous physicist
- Hang in balance
- O'Connor, singer and TV host
- Barks shrilly
- Seedcase
- Vipers
- Firm
- Minus
- Drop suddenly
- Ceremonial act
- Decay
- Moral offence
- Affection
- Health resort
- Rainbow colour
- Single thickness
- Judge
- Belonging to him
- Rage
- Third son of Adam
- Hole for coin
- Gentle stroke
- Born Free lion
- Greasy liquid
- Gender
- Gives back money
- Break
- Edgar Allan ----, author
- Lane, girlfriend of Superman
- Difficult to catch
- Blocking vote
- Name of eight English kings
- Jennings, English actor (pic)

**CON TRICK**

In this crossword we have removed all the vowels and just left the consonants. Can you fill in the gaps, using only the five vowels (A, E, I, O, U) to complete the grid?

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**COMMON LINK**

The answers to the following five questions contain a word or words which have a common theme. Can you find the link?

- Which 1990 action film starred Sean Connery as the renegade captain of a Soviet nuclear submarine?
- Which Cambridgeshire town is the administrative centre of Fenland District Council?
- Which member of the rock group Queen was made a CBE in 2005 for services to the music industry?
- Which actress played Edina Monsoon's mother in the TV comedy series Absolutely Fabulous?
- Which Palestinian terrorist group killed 11 competitors at the 1972 Munich Olympics?

**MISSING LINK**

Each pair of words has a missing word between them that acts as a link to both (e.g. FRONT - DOOR - MAT). The initial letters of the six answers (reading downwards) will spell out a part of a church.

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**MAKE A DATE**

In which year did all three of these significant historical events take place?

- France once again declares itself a republic after the abdication of King Louis Philippe.
- Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels publish the first Communist manifesto.
- The first major gold rush begins with the discovery of deposits in California.

WAS IT? a) 1818; b) 1828; c) 1838; d) 1848; e) 1858.

.... and in which year did all three of these events take place?

- A major radiation leak occurs at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant.
- Earl Mountbatten is killed by an IRA bomb while on a boat trip with his family in County Sligo.
- Former Liberal Party leader Jeremy Thorpe is acquitted in Old Bailey conspiracy trial.

WAS IT? a) 1971; b) 1973; c) 1975; d) 1977; e) 1979.

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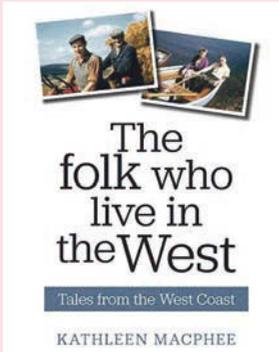
## Book review: The folk who live in the West

This is a book on several levels - autobiography, social history, folk tales and myths and legends.

The author originally intended to write only about her native Kintyre, but the work grew to take in the whole west coast and crossed the seas to Ireland and Norway.

There are many things discussed which will be familiar such as the traumas of the Qualifying Examination or a Gaelic test before competing as a choir member at the Mull Mòd.

As a teacher and later schools adviser and salmon smokehouse owner, the author experienced the vagaries of the west coast weather and travel problems from the 1960s onwards. These difficulties could be on land and sea, but sound life advice could often emerge including, for example, when a friend confided that 'if you want to know what a man is really like, take him out sailing in



a rough sea and see how he behaves'.

The west coast has many residents who merit the term 'character' and this book is full of them. Many starred in plays as members of the Dunaverty Players, whose first producer was the writer Angus MacVicar.

The author skilfully weaves together contemporary events and the history and legends of an area. This is a vibrant, humorous, poignant and well-written book from New Generation Publishing.

**Eric Macintyre.**

# Reconnecting Argyll new virtual travel tr

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

VisitScotland is linking Argyll and the Isles tourism businesses with global tour operators and travel agents through a new virtual event pilot entitled Scotland Reconnect 2020.

The first of its kind to be delivered by the national tourism organisation, Scotland Reconnect 2020 takes place from November 23 to 25 and offers international travel agents and tour operators, or 'buyers', the opportunity to connect and do business with Scottish suppliers online.

Events, including VisitScotland's annual Expo travel trade showcase and programmes of business development missions, have long been critical platforms for facilitating these connections, but rendered impossible by Covid restrictions this

year, new digital platforms like Reconnect have been developed and will see some 200 buyers undertake virtual meetings with around 200 Scottish tourism businesses.

In Argyll and the Isles these include West Coast Motors, Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative, Lodge

**'This year has been extremely challenging for tourism businesses'**

and Inn on Loch Lomond, Tobermory Distillery, Wild At Art Ltd, Luss Estates, Cruise Loch Lomond Ltd, St Hilda Sea Adventures, Slanj Loch Lomond Ltd, MGM Muthu Hotels and The Machrie Hotel and Golf Links.

Buyers from the USA, Canada, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Holland,

Scandinavia, Australia and Brazil are attending Scotland Reconnect 2020, as well as London-based inbound operators representing the Japanese and Chinese markets.

In addition to facilitating 4,000 business meetings, there will also be live webinars, round table discussions and breakout sessions, an online presentation hub and virtual experiences demonstrating what Scotland can offer buyers' clients, including traditional music sessions with Gary Innes from top trad band Manran, whisky tasting experiences with Glengoyne Distillery and The Whisky Experience, as well as storytelling with Mercat Tours.

John Thurso, VisitScotland's chairman, will open and close Scotland Reconnect 2020 and participants signed up to the event will also be able to hear from global tourism



Westport beach draws many tourists to Kintyre.

speakers and take part in round table discussions when VisitScotland's head of engagement Denise Hill meets in conversation with Tom Jenkins, Chief Executive Officer of the European Tour Operators Association on

## Mince Tarts

**Ingredients**

- Low calorie cooking spray

**For the pastry:**

- 225g plain flour
- pinch of salt
- 110g low-fat spread or butter
- Cold water, for mixing

**For the filling:**

- 16 level tbsp mincemeat
- 1 level tbsp icing sugar for dusting

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### 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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# Argyll and Isles with the world - Trade event for 2020



**Scotland Reconnect 2020 will virtually link Argyll and the Isles tourism businesses with global tour operators and travel agents.**

Photograph: Digital Tourism Scotland/Matt Davis.

and Covid-19 will not change that. Demand is building and our region remains a priority for our international markets.

I am delighted Scotland Reconnect 2020 has been created using our new online platform to ensure businesses can continue to engage and convert that continuing interest into visits. We look forward to reconnecting international buyers with our amazing Argyll tourism businesses, to demonstrate the strong tourism product this region has, to secure business for the future and to ensure the recovery of our international markets in 2021 and beyond.

Iain Jurgensen, chairman of Argyll and The Isles Tourism Co-operative, said: 'We have been supporting our businesses in working with the travel trade for many years, primarily through VisitScotland's Expo and are delighted this online

opportunity is available. We all have a steep hill to climb as we recover from this dreadful pandemic and seek to rebuild and reconnect. We are looking forward to meeting lots of buyers online, inspiring and then converting interest into actual experiences in Argyll and our many islands into the future at Scotland Reconnect.'

Gillian Crowther, group sales and admissions manager, Historic Environment Scotland, said: 'We are looking forward to taking part in Scotland Reconnect and to promoting our fabulous historic attractions to new and existing international clients.'

'2020 has been extremely challenging but we are now focussing on rebuilding our visitor business and this opportunity is a great platform to work with operators to plan programmes for 2021/22 and beyond.'

the impact of Brexit on the German and US markets, and Joss Croft, Chief Executive Officer of UK Inbound, who will be forecasting for 2021 and considering what businesses need to take into account when seeking to address current

issues and challenges in global tourism.

VisitScotland's senior insights manager Chris Greenwood will also run sessions on global trends and Covid-time consumer behaviour. Responsible travel, a

theme of growing importance among travellers around the globe, will also feature on the agenda, as will the promotion of initiatives including Scotland's Year of Coasts and Waters 2020.

David Adams McGilp,

VisitScotland regional director, said: 'This year has been extremely challenging for tourism businesses, not only in Argyll and the Isles but across Scotland. Argyll and the Isles have always been top of the visitor destination list



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20/01859/PP	Renewal of planning permission reference 17/02666/PP (Demolition of dwellinghouse and erection of replacement dwellinghouse)	Garvalt Cottage, Glenbarr, Argyll And Bute
20/01831/PP	Alterations to existing vehicular access	Campbeltown Creamery, Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6JU
20/01873/PP	Alterations and partial change of use of existing forestry storage building to form bothy	Land South West Of Sunadale Cottage, Carradale, Argyll And Bute

Written comments can be submitted online <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/find-and-comment-planning-applications> or to Argyll and Bute Council, Development Management, Kilmory Castle, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered. A weekly list of all applications can be viewed on the Councils website. Customers are requested to use electronic communication where possible during the coronavirus pandemic as our ability to process postal mail is restricted.

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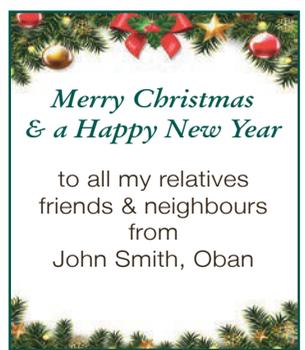


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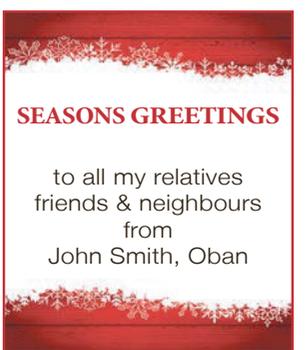
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The proposed Development is anticipated to consist of approximately 14 wind turbines with tip heights of up to 200 m. The deployment of other renewable technologies within the Site is also being proposed, including battery storage and solar photovoltaic (solar PV) generation.

Early consultation is key to developing our projects and, throughout the development process, we ensure local communities and stakeholders are given the opportunity to provide feedback and are kept informed of project progress.

Given the restrictions requiring social distancing, instead of holding Public Information Days, a Public Information Event on the proposals will be available online from 25 November 2020 on the project website:

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The online Public Information Event will include information banners as well as visualisations to help to give an impression of what the proposed Development could look like from different viewpoints in the area.

The event will include a link to a feedback form through which comments and questions, as well as any requests for further information, can be submitted directly to the Project Team. Alternatively, you may contact the Project Team by emailing **[earraghailrenewableenergydevelopment@scottishpower.com](mailto:earraghailrenewableenergydevelopment@scottishpower.com)**

#### or writing to

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If you have any questions or wish to make comments on the proposal, we request that these are submitted via the feedback form by 16 December 2020.

Please note that this notice does not relate to an application and that any comments made on the proposals to SPR at this stage are not representations to the Scottish Ministers. If an application is subsequently submitted, normal publicity will be undertaken at that time and you will have the opportunity to make a formal representation then.

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## Around the markets

**United Auctions, Dalmally, Friday November 13:** sold 1,156 sheep of all classes. Lambs averaged £44.20 (+£8.36). At the end of season sale at Dalmally, a small show of lambs and sheep sold well albeit the lambs consisted mainly of smaller sorts.

Leading lots and prices per Head:

Lambs - SuffX - £44.00, Ardsheal. LleyX - £66.00, Blarghour; £56.00, Kirkton. BeltX - £88.00, £65.00, Blarghour. TexX - £93.50, £67.00, Lephinkill; £66.00, Duncroisk; £61.00, Maam; £59.00, Barndromin. Chev - £65.50, Barndromin; £65.00, Dunans; £65.00, Garrogie Estate; £64.00, Maam; £60.50, Oskamull; £60.00, Keppochan; £53.50, Dunans; £51.00, Birchfield. Cross - £43.00, Keppochan. BF - £73.50, Lephinkill; £64.00, Auchreoch; £61.00, Dunans; £60.00, Garrogie Estates; £59.50, Lephinkill; £57.00, Kirkton; £55.00, 12 Bentalla; £54.50, Innisaig; £54.00, Blarghour; £53.50, Blarmaoldach; £51.50, Tullich Farmers; £51.00, Castles

Estate; £51.00, Kiel Farm. Ewes - SuffX - £70.00, Ardsheal. TexX - £61.00, Blarghour. Chev - £63.00, 12 Bentalla Cresc; £54.00, Ardsheal. Cross - £40.00, Oskamull; £40.00, Kirkton. Mule - £59.50, £52.00, Frackersaig; £48.00, Blarghour. BF - £67.00, 12 Bentalla Cresc.; £44.00, Garrogie Estate; £43.50, Meallagie; £43.00, Garrogie Estate; £40.00, Castles Estate.

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Lambs - LleyX - 200p, Kirkton; 194p, Blarghour. BeltX - 205p, Blarghour. TexX - 204p, Antuim; 200p, Blarmaoldach; 200p, Barndromin; 197p, Lephinkill; 195p, Silvercraigs; 194p, Duncroisk. Chev - 206p, Garrogie Estates; 204p, Birchfield; 202p, Oskamull; 200p, Garrogie Estates; 194p, Maam. BF - 199p, 192p, Garrogie Estates; 191p, Innisaig; 190p, Auchlyne; 189p, Castles Estate; 188p, Blarmaoldach; 188p, Tullich Farmers; 188p, Drissaig; 183p, Duncroisk; 180p, Auchreoch; 180p, Kiel Farm.

**United Auctions, Lochboisdale, Monday November 10:**

sold 876 (+286) sheep of all classes. Lambs sold to £78.00 (+£15.00). All classes of lambs, consisting mainly of second and third draws, sold well and in keeping with current mainland trends.

Lambs - SuffX - £69.00, 17 Torlum; £67.00, 2 Grenitote; £66.00, Dunskeellar; £61.00, 5 Baleshare. BeltX - £67.00, £58.00, Millcroft. TexX - £78.00, 83 Borve, Barra; £74.00, 19 West Gerinish; £69.00, £68.00, 18 West Gerinish; £65.00, 5 Baleshare; £65.00, 19 West Gerinish; £64.00, 56 Tangasdale, Barra; £62.00, 27 Ardavachair; £61.00, 7 Middlequarter; £60.00, Millcroft. Chev - £71.00, 2 Grenitote; £69.00, 7 Minish; £65.00, 2 Grenitote; £65.00, 10 Sollas; £64.00, 9 Milton; £61.00, £60.00, 200/233 Stoneybridge. Cross - £67.00, 202 Stoneybridge; £67.00, 5 Mas Grimsay; £67.00, Dunskeellar; £64.00, 202 Stoneybridge; £63.00, 18 West Gerinish; £63.00, 2 Grenitote; £63.00, 27 Ardavachair; £61.00, 17 Torlum. Mule - £67.00, 32 Linciate. BF - £72.00, Aird Illery. Ewes - £55.00, Doon. Rams - Chev - £100, 330 North Boisdale. BF - £150, 2 East Gerinish.

**United Auctions, Lochboisdale, Monday November 9:** sold 406 store cattle and 39 breeding cattle and cast cows. Bullocks sold to £1,185 for a 630Kg, SimX from I Jevons, 21 Griminish to average £760.99 and heifers sold to £1,110 for a 560Kg, LimX from D MacKay, 11 Howmore to average £690.03. Bullocks sold to 308p/kg for a 240kg, LimX from J R MacLeod, 5 Frobost to average 236.83p/kg (+26.38p) whilst Heifers sold to 291p/kg for four 220kg, LimX also from 5 Frobost to average 227.71p/kg (+28.33p). A much-increased entry on the year sold well and to a large following of mainland buyers. An excellent show of quality bred cattle were shown in good bloom with many consignors receiving in excess of £100 rise on the year.

Leading lots and prices:  
Bullocks - AAX - £915(2), 15 Bornish; £900, Millcroft; £840(2), Hosta; £835, 15 Bornish; £830(2), 261 Daliburgh; £815, Hosta. BSHx - £775, 1 Stilligary. BAX - £830, £820, 6 Dunganichy. CHARx - £975, 7 Frobost; £855; 43 Linciate. GALx - £820, 92 Bualadubh. LIMx - £1,155, £1,135, 15 Ormiclate; £1,125, £1,085, £1,020, £1000, 103

Carnan; £950, 101 Carnan; £920, 1 Airdhmuillin; £920, 11 Ormiclate; £915, 100 Carnan; £905(2), 1 Stilligary; £900, 61 Bualuchrach; £900(2), 103 Carnan; £890, 7 Eoligarry; £890, 12 Ormiclate; £890(2), Aird Illery; £880(3), 344 North Boisdale; £880, 93/96 Bualadubh. SIMx - £1185, 21 Griminish; £980, 7 Frobost; £900, 325 North Boisdale. Heifers - AAX - £890, £820, 15 Bornish. BAX - £915(5), £800, 6 Dunganichy. CHARx - £805, 43 Linciate. LIMx - £1110, £1000, 11 Howmore; £940, 101 Carnan; £925, 103 Carnan; £890, 1 Airdhmuillin; £850, 3 Milton; £845, 103 Carnan.

Leading prices per kilo:  
Bullocks - AAX - 271p, 14 Carinish; 260p, 2 Cleat Barra; 258p, 99 Carnan; 250p, 93/96 Bualadubh. BSHx - 265p, 21 Grenitote; 263p, 85 Borve Barra. BAX - 293p, 277p, 275p, 271p, 264p(4), 6 Dunganichy. CHARx - 289p, 29 Clachan; 285p, 43 Linciate; 280p, 277p(2), 29 Clachan. LIMx - 308p, 5 Frobost; 296p, 6 Drimisdale; 286p, Bagh Na Croabh; 281p, Aird Illery; 279p, 11 Ormiclate; 278p, 20 West Gerinish; 278p, 12 Ormiclate; 272p, 15 Ormiclate; 271p, 19 West Gerinish; 271p, Aird Illery; 270p, 12 Sollas; 270p,

11 Ormiclate; 269p, 20 West Gerinish; 268p, 3 Milton. Heifers - AAX - 284p, 290 Kilphedar. BSHx - 263p, 1 Stilligary; 233p, 4 Kildonan; 233p, 21 Grenitote. BAX - 262p, 261p(5), 256p(2), 252p(6), 249p(5), 6 Dunganichy. CHARx - 259p, 244p, 29 Claddach; 242p, 237p, 43 Linciate. LIMx - 291p(4), 5 Frobost; 276p, 19 West Gerinish; 273p, 12 Ormiclate; 268p, 20 West Gerinish; 262p, 10 Illery; 262p(2), 260p, 12 Sollas; 257p, 256p, 20 West Gerinish; 254p, 3 Milton; 252p, 29 Claddach; 251p, 1 Drimisdale; 250p, 103 Carnan; 250p, 3 Milton. SALx - 267p, 265p, 11 Uidh, Watersay; 246p, 6 Dunganichy. Cast cows per head: AAX - £1130, 1 Airdhmuillin. LIMx - £1210, 103 Carnan; £1150, 15 Ormiclate; £1100, 7 Eoligarry, Barra. SIMx - £1100, 3 Ormiclate; £1030, 12 Sollas. Cast cows pre kilo - AAX - 128p, 1 Airdhmuillin. LIMx - 174p, 15 Ormiclate; 169p, 7 Eoligarry; 144p, 6 Drimisdale; 139p, 103 Carnan. SIMx - 136p, 12 Sollas; 124p, 3 Ormiclate; 121p, 15 Ormiclate. In-calf cows - £1,160, 12 Ormiclate. Cow and calf - £1,080, 7 Middlequarter.



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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden

I got a new computer this week and am really pleased with it.

However, regardless of how hard I try in so many ways, it just refuses to 'speak' to my new printer.

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I have downloaded the appropriate disc several times but I am still informed my computer does not 'recognise' my printer.

I have downloaded the named driver from the internet, which is guaranteed to resolve this communication problem, but to no avail. They are still not friends. 'The driver is not installed,' I am told - well, actually it is!

I have tried everything and consulted every problem-solving website but they will still not engage with one another.

I am now at a complete loss as to how to resolve this problem.

It would be so good if they could just set aside their differences and make my life easier.

I look at them both and, crazy as it seems, I tell them there is absolutely no reason why they should not speak to each other.

As I reflected on this, I thought how this scenario does not just affect machines but is true of human beings too.

We see people who have 'fallen out' over something trivial and wonder why they can't just get over the problem and re-connect. Why can't they just download the app of forgiveness and hit the restart button? Why can't they install the driver of friendship?

If only life was that simple. Across the globe, people are disconnected, governments are fractured, people are not speaking to one another.

Maybe we could all hit the 'restart' button and pray for a better connection.

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### GIGHA

## School children remember all at sea with marine wreath

Children from Gigha Primary School worked together to make a wreath for their Remembrance Day commemoration, this year based on their learning about the role of the Navy in the wars and lives lost at sea.

This year's wreath was made out of driftwood and scallop shells, each painted with a picture of a poppy.

The children wanted to create something to especially remember the Second World War sailors who died on the SS Aska when she was bombed and sank between the islands of Gigha and Cara 80 years ago.

The wreath was laid underneath a special window outside Gigha and Cara Parish Church and everyone observed a socially distanced two-minute silence at 11am on Wednesday, November 11.



The wreath was made from driftwood and scallop shells with poppies painted on them.

### CARRADALE

## Youngster's Remembrance Day tribute at his home

An eight-year-old boy from Carradale was determined to remember the sacrifice of armed



Children from Gigha Primary School with their Remembrance wreath.

forces members who have fought and died in the line of duty despite disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Kyle Gosling decided to decorate a window at his home with poppies, cut-out silhouettes of soldiers and crosses and the words 'Lest we Forget' to commemorate Remembrance Sunday and observed a two-minute silence in his garden.

The youngster's dad Scott said: 'Kyle would normally attend the memorial service at Carradale war monument with the Carradale Beavers, Cubs and Scouts but, due to the Covid-19 restrictions this year, and with no services taking place, he didn't want to miss this important day so decided to create his own tribute to all the brave soldiers who fought in the wars.'

Kyle added a plane to his window as a tribute to his great-great-uncle Donnie Galbraith from Campbeltown who died on January 26 1945 when the Lancaster bomber he was in was shot down.



Kyle Gosling with the display he created to commemorate Remembrance Sunday.

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**FOULDS** - Peacefully in Glasgow on November 12, 2020, Professor Wallace Stewart Foulds, aged 96 years, of Lochgair and Glasgow. Beloved husband of the late Margaret Holmes Foulds. Much loved father of Iain, Margaret and Alison. Loving Grandpa to Jonathan, David and Olivia, Stephen, Susan and Sarah, and Great-Grandpa to Isabella, Emilia, Sophie, George and Freddie. A private family funeral service will be held at Clydebank Crematorium on November 26 11.30 a.m. No flowers please. Donations if wished to the Macular Society.

**MCCALLUM** - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 16, 2020, Williamina McCallum (Wilma) in her 91st year, 17 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, dearly beloved mum of Linda, loving gran of Shirley, Billy, Kerry and Donna and a much loved great grandmother of Kyle, Christian, Josh, Taylor, Korri, Billy, Bailey, Halle and Jacob. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Wilma's funeral will take place on Friday, November 20. The cortege will leave the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church at 1.00 p.m. We will turn left from the Church onto Longrow, heading to Aqualibrium Avenue, past the Cross and along the dual carriageway on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Wilma may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

**MUNRO** - Suddenly at his home, 10 Burns Brae, Lochgilphead, on November 11, 2020, James Thomas Munro (Droopy), in his 59th year. Dearly loved father of Cara and Lynsey, beloved son of

John and Mary Munro, dear brother of the late Kenny. A dear papa, uncle, nephew and cousin. A private funeral service will be held at Achnabreac Cemetery on Friday, November 20, 2020.

**SMITH** - Peacefully at the home of her daughter, Kilgarth, Lochruan Road, Campbeltown, with her family by her side, on November 11, 2020, Jane McVey Duncan (Jean) in her 76th year, Shermore, Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, devoted wife of the late James Smith (Jimmy) much loved mum of Duncan and Jane and a beloved granny of Ralphie, Catherine, James and Euan.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**CHINN** - The family of the late Alison Chinn would like to thank all our friends, neighbours and colleagues for their cards, messages and care following Alison's death and for supporting us over the past couple of years. Special thanks to Dr Anderson and his G.P and nursing colleagues at Campbeltown Hospital, to the OT's, physios, community nurses, paramedics and to Adina, the home carers and Carr Gomm, for all the care they gave to Alison. With thanks also to Kenneth Blair for attentive and professional services and to those who travelled with us to pay their last respects to Alison at Cardross Crematorium.

**MACLEAN** - Caroline, Michelle, Catrina and Elizabeth would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, phone calls and messages received following their recent sad loss. We were also very overwhelmed by the many who turned out to pay their respects on Neil John's final journey, our thanks to you all. A special mention to his fellow brethren for their respectful turnout at Lodge 754. Grateful thanks to Rev. David Carruthers for a comforting and uplifting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their personal and professional services; to the Stag Hotel for fine Purvey and to Morna for beautiful floral tributes. Neil John will be sadly missed by us all.

**MACLELLAN** - The family of the late Mary MacLellan would like to

thank neighbours and friends for the support and expressions of sympathy given on the loss of our beloved Aunt. Sincere thanks to Rev. Willie Crossan for a very comforting service at the graveside and to all who gathered to pay their respects outside the house as well as along the route of her final journey. Our grateful thanks to Kenny Blair and staff of T A Blair for the funeral arrangements and for their kindness, compassion and professionalism throughout. To the wonderful staff at the Ardshiel Hotel, many thanks for looking after us so well. We would also like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the care and support shown to Mary by her neighbour John, friend Kathleen and cousin Maria over the years, but especially when she became less mobile in recent times. Finally, a huge thank you, and our eternal gratitude, to all staff at Campbeltown Hospital and Medical Centre, to District Nurses, Shopper-Aide and Telecare who enabled Mary to live as she wished over the last few years, particularly in the recent trying circumstances. A heartfelt thanks to you all.

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11.15am Sunday School  
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[www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk](http://www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk)  
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# Youngsters step up to help others celebrate Christmas

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Three Campbeltown girls are in training for a fundraising challenge to help other children celebrate a Christmas as special and exciting as their own.

Eight-year-olds Jessica McGeachy and Emma Johnston, and seven-year-old Abigail McAllister have set their sights on walking the Mull of Kintyre (MOK) Run 10K route to raise money for Children 1st, a charity which aims to give every child in Scotland a safe and secure childhood.

The girls – who are all in P4 at Castlehill Primary School and have been friends since nursery – were inspired to raise money for others after realising how fortunate they

are to have happy and healthy homes, and that now, more than ever, not all children have the same experience.

They chose Children 1st after learning about the charity's 'excellent work' supporting children throughout Scotland, including in Argyll.

The youngsters discussed different options for fundraising but, taking into account current Covid restrictions, felt that a sponsored walk was the most suitable option.

They decided on the MOK Run 10K route as they have a good visual understanding of the length they'd have to walk as they usually enjoy watching the race and cheering on the runners.

The girls will be supported by Jessica's big sister Adelle and her friend Jade McCallum, both aged 11, throughout the

walk, as well as Jessica and Adelle's parents.

Adelle and Jade are keen to give moral support and encouragement to keep the younger three going if they get tired as it is a long way for little legs.

Other family and friends are keen to support the girls, too, by standing at different points along the route to offer encouragement, and there will also be homemade treats at the end from proud grandparents.

Their parents told the Courier: 'We are all very proud of the girls. Their class teachers and school as a whole really promote kindness and citizenship so this is something with which the girls are very familiar and enjoy doing.'

'They feel an immense sense of pride and are totally overwhelmed with the response they have had for their walk.'

Linda Jardine, director of Children and Family Services at Children 1st, said: 'Children are at the heart of everything we do as a charity so we're absolutely delighted to see children like Jessica, Abigail and Emma going the extra mile to help other children – what a wonderfully kind thing to do.'

'Thanks to their incredible support, we will continue to give children and families across Scotland emotional, financial and practical support to help them to feel strong, put food on their table, keep a



roof over their heads and keep children learning during this terrible pandemic.

'Their extraordinary efforts mean that in the run up to Christmas, our local services across the country, will continue to provide money, advice, emotional and wellbeing support and practical help so that all children, whatever their families face, can enjoy a happy, safe Christmas at home.'

'On Christmas Day, our Children 1st Parentline team will be here, as they are every day of the year, to offer families free support on 08000 28

22 33 or via webchat at [www.children1st.org.uk/parentline](http://www.children1st.org.uk/parentline).'

This is not the girls' first taste of fundraising – Adelle and Jessica held their own Macmillan Cancer Support 'at home' coffee morning for friends and family a few years ago, and all three are often involved in school fundraising events and regularly participate in community fundraising activities.

They will take on their 10K challenge next Sunday (November 29). To sponsor them, search Friends walk for Christmas on the JustGiving website.

**Campbeltown's latest fundraising superheroes, from left: Emma Johnston, Abigail McAllister and Jessica McGeachy.**



The girls will be supported throughout their sponsored walk by Jade McCallum, left, and Adelle McGeachy, right.



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