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More than £23m needed to fix seafood sector woes

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While news of a £23million compensation package for the seafood sector has been welcomed this week, local companies exporting fish and shellfish to the EU say they need more than a 'sticking plaster' approach to fix the situation.

In protest at bureaucratic delays which have added hours and hours to the process of getting fresh produce to customers in the EU, a mass convoy of 21 lorries arrived at Parliament Square, Westminster, just yards from Number 10 Downing Street on Monday.

Firms from Scotland, Wales and England joined the motorcade, including a lorry from Islay Crab Exports Ltd of Port Ellen.

Organiser Allan Miller, originally of Tarbert, who now runs Aberdeen-based shellfish supply company AM Shellfish Ltd, said that Brexit had been 'devastating' for the sector.



The show of frustration was designed to highlight the changes that are needed for the seafood sector which is faced with having to load 24 hours earlier to get produce

to the continent. Mr Miller explained the delays seriously impacted the quality of Scotland's seafood which is revered throughout Europe - particularly if drivers faced

Former Tarbert man Allan Miller organised the protest in London against the bureaucratic delays producers now face in getting live seafood to Europe.

further obstacles with ferry delays.

'The whole process of exporting needs to be urgently streamlined as companies are haemorrhaging money left, right and centre and facing losses week after week,' Mr Miller added.

He also expressed his amazement that in a digital age, exporting remained heavily reliant on physical paperwork and that a simple error in the documentation could also further frustrate getting exports out.

Commenting on the compensation package offered this week, he said: 'While the money will help some, it was not the point of the protest. We're looking for fixes to the problems.'

In a letter to Alistair Jack MP, Secretary of State for Scotland,

Argyll and Bute council leader Robin Currie wrote: 'The industry has been a mainstay and a major employer in the area for many decades, sustaining not only the local economy but making a significant contribution to the Scottish and UK economies.'

'Now, though, I am hearing from fishing families of long standing, newer start-up businesses and companies employing hundreds of people in total, that if urgent action is not taken, they will have to close their doors for good. This would be devastating for Argyll and Bute, where the sector comprises many single family-operated vessels, smaller fleets, artisan producers, as well as some medium to larger enterprises.'

Speaking to the Courier from his home on Islay, Councillor Currie said: 'I welcome any assistance that can be given to the sector, but the important thing is that they want to carry on their livelihood and that must be forefront when tackling these issues.'

Lockdown extended to mid February

The lockdown on mainland Scotland has been extended and schools and nurseries remain closed until mid-February.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon told parliament on Tuesday that progress was being made but that the NHS in Scotland was not out of the woods yet.

Lockdown restrictions, including the stay-at-home requirement on the mainland and some islands, will remain in place until 'at least' the middle of February.

Of schools and nurseries, she said: 'Our reluctant judgement at this stage is that community transmission of the virus is too high and is likely to remain so for the next period. The cabinet therefore decided that except for vulnerable and key worker children, school and nursery premises will remain closed until mid-February.'

Ms Sturgeon said the pressure on the NHS in Scotland continued to be 'very severe' but there were 'some signs for optimism'. But she added: 'Any relaxation of lockdown...could quickly send the situation into reverse.'

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A83 resurfacing project rolls out

Work to resurface four sections of the A83 between Kinglas and Clachan got under way last week.

On completion, the £1.45m project will see almost 5km of the A83 resurfaced.

The work is scheduled to be completed by Friday February 25, subject to weather conditions.

The intended programme of works is as follows:

A83 Butterbridge to A815 Junction - Tuesday January 12 to Thursday February 11, 23 nights, excluding Friday and Saturday nights. A 10mph convoy system will be in place between 7pm and 7am each night.

A83 Corranbuie - Sunday, February 14 to Wednesday, February 17, four nights.

A83 Clachan - Thursday February 18 to Monday February 22, three nights, excluding Friday and Saturday nights.

A83 Meall Mhor - Tuesday February 23 to Thursday February 25, two nights.

Due to narrow carriageway

widths at these locations, work will be undertaken using a full road closure for safety between 8pm and 5am each night.

As there is no suitable diversion route available, amnesties will be provided at 9pm, 10pm, midnight, 2am and 4am each night.

During these times vehicles will be safely escorted through the site under a 10mph convoy traffic management system.

Motorists are encouraged to arrive in good time to ensure they are accommodated within the amnesty period.

Access through the works site for emergency services will be maintained at all times.

At each site, traffic management will be removed outwith working hours, however, a temporary 30mph speed limit will remain in place as traffic will be travelling over a temporary surface.

Strict physical distancing protocols, in line with Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance, will be in force to protect teams and ensure they remain safe at all times.

Distillery raises glass to enterprising spirit

A Campbeltown whisky distiller has formed a perfect blend with a national awards team to reward and support a new generation of British entrepreneurs.

Glen Scotia has become the first Entrepreneurial Spirit Partner of the Great British Entrepreneur Awards (GBEA), which acknowledge the hard work and inspiring stories of entrepreneurs and businesses in the United Kingdom.

The partnership will see the high street distiller sponsor the Entrepreneurial Spirit Award.

GBEA and Glen Scotia will also recognise and reward a business owner who has shown particular entrepreneurial spirit each month.

John Grieveson, chief marketing officer of Campbeltown distillery, said: 'We're proud to be one of three surviving distilleries from the boomtown era, which has only been achieved by our ability to innovate and adapt the business over the centuries.

'Our new partnership with the GBEA is therefore fitting and we are very much looking



Glen Scotia Distillery and shop, Campbeltown.

forward to working with them to support the new generation of British entrepreneurs.'

The Scotch whisky brand, owned by Loch Lomond Group, is one of the few Campbeltown distilleries to have maintained production from the heady days of the 1830s when the region was known as the whisky capital of the world.

The brand continues to enjoy success, now backed by

centuries of craftsmanship and experience and its award-winning whiskies are renowned for their distinctive maritime influence and Campbeltown character.

'The early entrepreneurial spirit shown by our founders back in 1832 is embedded in Glen Scotia's DNA,' added Mr Grieveson. 'Back then, our founders, along with many others at the time, rode the wave of entrepreneurialism

seen in Campbeltown in the early 1800s, harnessing the abundance of natural resources needed to produce quality Scotch whisky, as well as new technology, including steam navigation, which meant that whisky could be shipped directly to Glasgow in under nine hours from what is still one of the most remote parts of Scotland's mainland.'

Francesca James, founder of the Great British Entrepreneur Awards, said: 'I'm delighted to announce this unique partnership with Glen Scotia.'

'It has an incredibly long and inspiring entrepreneurial journey behind it and I'm thrilled they share our passion for supporting entrepreneurs and celebrating their achievements.'

Founded in 2013, the ethos of the Great British Entrepreneur Awards is to be more than just 'an awards ceremony', instilling a sense of community and a thriving ecosystem of support all year round that provides opportunities for winners and finalists to connect and showcase their businesses.

POLICE FILES

Man charged with shoplifting

About 9.30am on Saturday January 16, on Longrow, Campbeltown, a 35-year-old man was arrested and charged with stealing a bottle of wine and behaving in an abusive manner.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Possession of cannabis

Around 8.50pm on Wednesday January 13, in a property in Glenside, Campbeltown, a 31-year-old man was searched by police and charged with possession of cannabis.

The man was issued with a recorded police warning.

New barrier completed through A83 at Glen Croe

Installation of a protective bund next to the old military road at the Rest and Be Thankful has been completed.

The 175m long, 6.6m high bund will provide additional protection to users of the old road through Glen Croe, the detour to the landslide-prone A83 trunk road.

It was formed using a modular system favoured by the military, with individual units stacked to create a de-

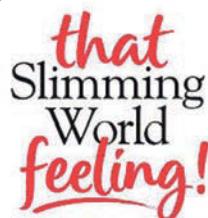
fensive wall across the foot of a channel carved by two large landslips in 2020.

Eddie Ross of BEAR Scotland said: 'We're pleased to see the temporary bund completed, meaning we can have greater confidence that we can safely keep the alternative route open for road users when weather conditions worsen.'

Work continues on further mitigation measures at the Rest.



The completed bund on the old military road through Glen Croe.



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Councillor Donald Kelly

Full steam ahead on ferry petition

A petition calling for an all-year-round freight and passenger ferry service between Campbeltown and Ardrossan will go live this week.

And Argyll First Councillors Donald Kelly and Douglas Philand are urging the public to get on board.

The document was submitted to the Scottish Parliament following on-going disruption and the associated 10-year timescale for a permanent solution at the Rest and Be Thankful on the A83 and members of the public will have the chance to comment when the paper goes online.

Councillor Kelly said: 'This petition is non-political and we welcome the support for this service from anyone affected. We have requested the government think outside the box and to cast the net far and wide in terms of securing a suitable vessel. The vessel would require to have the capability of carrying freight and passengers, coupled with a good timetable and have RET applied to the service.'

'If this service becomes a reality, we would like to see it properly marketed and at least a five-year contract being awarded to the successful operator so that it can be properly evaluated.'

'The petition will become live shortly and we again would encourage everyone to show their support for it.'

Cassie's close shave to raise funds for charity

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A Carradale mum has gone the extra length in her fundraising effort by having her golden locks shaved to the bone in support of her big brother.

Cassie MacDougall was devastated when her elder sibling Kris McTaggart was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma late last year and felt helpless when Covid restrictions prevented her from lending support in person when he was sent to the Beatson Cancer Centre in Glasgow to receive treatment.

Unable to visit her brother, Cassie instead decided that if she could raise £100 for Cancer Research UK by shaving her shoulder length hair off, and give Kris a laugh into the bargain, at least she would have done something to help.

'It was really difficult when



Cassie before the clippers came out and Cassie and daughter Calissa after the charity haircut.

we found out Kris had cancer but that we couldn't visit him,' said Cassie.

'If things had been different I would be down at the Beatson as much as I could, holding his hand and trying to cheer him



up when he was feeling a bit down.

'That was not to be though so I had to think of something else I could do to support him and all the amazing professionals who have been looking after

him.' In the space of three days Cassie's total had reached well over £800 and she now intends to keep it running until the end of February when she will dye her regrowth purple and pink in support of Hodgkin and breast cancer awareness.

'There have been so many people involved in Kris's care and treatment and it would be great to be able to do something for all of them,' added Cassie.

'The Mairi Semple charity, Macmillan, Dr Terry and staff at Campbeltown and the Beatson hospitals to name but a few.

'All of them do tremendous work at the best of times but even more so now they have Covid in the mix too.'

'Kris's wife Patrice has also been amazing and I want to thank everyone for looking after him so well.'

Cassie filmed her head shave

live on Facebook with her seven-year-old daughter Calissa helping her do the back. Both Calissa and Cassie's husband David, who is registered blind, are proud of her fundraising effort.

'Calissa keeps rubbing my head because she thinks it feels great and I think David is just glad he doesn't choke on it anymore when we are sleeping,' she added.

'They have both been a great support throughout. Kris himself thinks it's really funny. He didn't actually think I would do it.'

He also wants to thank his whole family for the support he has been getting.

'The money I raise will help fund life-saving research and bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.'

To donate to Cassie's fundraiser visit her Mrs's Giving Page on Facebook.

Woodland initiative takes root at Homeston

A woodland project which aims to provide a timber resource with short and long-term employment opportunities has been awarded funding by Argyll and Bute Council, writes Fiona Scott.

An application for the initiative on land at Homeston, near Campbeltown, has won the support of council chiefs under the Forest Grant Scheme.

The sum the project will receive from the authority for the planned work at the 90-hectare woodland is not disclosed in documents pub-

lished with the application. An application form submitted as part of the process says one of the objectives of the site is to establish an area of productive coniferous woodland.

It is also intended 'to help create a diverse and resilient future timber resource for the local area and markets, including the creation of short and longer term employment'.

The application form also states: 'The planting areas have historically been used for upland sheep, dairy and beef cattle enterprises.



'The majority of the land is improved grassland or acid grassland with small areas of rougher grassland and heathland in the upper slopes outwith the planting area.'

'Prior to doing any walkover

surveys, the Scottish Natural Heritage Carbon and Peatland map was reviewed to get a generic guide to soil types in the location.

'A systematic walkover peat survey was then carried out in April 2019 by Tilhill forest managers to ensure that no deep peat greater than 50cm depth is being planted as part of the proposal.'

'This was later verified by a walkover national vegetation classification survey in June 2019 by an experienced ecologist.'

'Overall, the surveys found the distribution of soils across the site to vary, but can be generally described as fertile mineral brown earths in the lower slopes, moving up into shallow depth mineral brown earths over bedrock.'

'In the upper slopes, it is peaty gley with small pockets of deep peat.'

The report adds that three vegetation areas of greater conservation interest had been identified as part of the survey. These have been excluded from the planting area.

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The Volunteer Befriending Team

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

Dochas Counselling Team

The dedicated Counselling Team are currently offering online and telephone counselling to unpaid carers and their families, those who have been bereaved or those living with a long term or terminal condition. During the Covid-19 crisis, the Team have also set up a telephone support service for anyone feeling anxious or struggling during lockdown.

For further information or to arrange an appointment, please telephone Alison Whitefield, Lead Counsellor, on 07432 231217 or contact the service via counselling@dochasfund.org.uk or message the Dochas Facebook page. We are here to support you.



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

Happy lockdown birthday



Keegan McAulay

Keegan McAulay celebrated his first birthday on Thursday January 14. He spent his special day playing with his new toys and, most importantly, eating cake!



Rhyia Mai Blair

With the country in another strict lockdown, people will be unable to celebrate their birthdays with friends and extended family as they perhaps normally would. To help make their day a little more special, the Courier would like to give a shout-out to everyone celebrating a lockdown birthday, including these birthday boys and girls. Don't forget to let us know about your friend or family member's lockdown birthday and we will give them a shout-out too. Email a photograph to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk including their full name, age, birthday, where they are from and a bit about how they celebrated or plan to celebrate.

Rhyia Mai Blair from Campbeltown celebrated her first birthday on Sunday January 17 with a cake smash. Her daddy, mummy and brothers Daniel, Jake and Finlay sent her lots of love.



Lyle Ramsay

Lyle Ramsay from Campbeltown turned five on

Monday January 18. He spent his birthday with his baby brother, mummy and daddy. He wished he could have spent it with the rest of his family and his best friends too.



Samuel McCoubrey

Samuel McCoubrey from Campbeltown was two on

Monday January 18. He had a Paw Patrol-themed party at home with his mummy, daddy and big sister Grace.

The children's dad Alan celebrated his lockdown birthday on Monday January 11.



Jake Kerr

Jake Kerr from Southend

turned seven on Tuesday January 19.

He celebrated at home with afternoon tea with his mum and dad.

The family are looking forward to a bigger celebration when his big sister Lucy can come home.



Emma Ramsay

Emma Ramsay from Campbeltown turned six years old on Tuesday January 19 and celebrated her birthday at the weekend with her Mum, Dad and little sister Amy. She

spent the day dressing up as different Disney princesses, eating cake, candy floss, playing party games and rounded her day off with a movie night.



Jaxon Paterson

Jaxon Paterson from Campbeltown celebrated his third birthday on Wednesday January 20. He spent the day at home with his mummy and baby sister and will be having a mini party when daddy comes home at the weekend!

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Clear up after your dog farmer

A Campbeltown farmer is appealing to dog owners to pick up their pet's poo after noticing an increase in excrement during the lockdown period.

Alec Wilson of Baraskomell Farm came to the end of his tether this week after spotting a dog walker pick up after her pooch then dispose of the waste bag behind a hedge on his property.

'It's absolutely ridiculous,' he told the Courier. 'More and more people are coming out here [a mile west of Campbeltown near the Slaty Farlan Water Treatment Works] to walk their dogs since the second lockdown started and the mess has just got worse. Some people don't bother to pick it up at all, then some that do just fling the bags into the hedgerows and fields. It's pure ignorance.'

'I have no objections to people walking their dogs but please pick up after them so others can enjoy the walk too.'

Argyll and Bute Council has agreed to provide signs and bins which dog owners should make full use of.

Clinic asks for patience from vaccination patients

Strict schedule will apply to jabs roll-out

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Campbeltown Medical Practice is asking members of the public to be patient as the Covid vaccine roll-out gets under way.

Starting on Friday January 29, the clinic will be offering vaccines to all patients over the age of 80 to whom appointment letters were sent this week. Relatives and friends of people in this age group are being asked to check that the letters have been received by Monday January 25.

Following Public Health Department guidelines, the clinic is using a strict schedule which it is unable to deviate

from. Patients will be vaccinated in order of age brackets and those most vulnerable.

'Please do not wait to be vaccinated at the same time as others in your household who may be in a different group from you. Your friends and relatives will be invited as soon as their vaccine arrives in the practice,' said a clinic spokesperson.

'We are unable to accommodate changes to times/dates as easily as we could with the individual flu vaccines.'

'This vaccine arrives in vials containing 10 or more doses which must be used within a certain time of being opened.'

'We will do our best to accommodate those unable to



The first Covid-19 vaccinations for those over 80 is expected to start on Friday January 29.

vaccine supply at short notice therefore it may result in some patients being contacted on the day to attend.'

Joanna Macdonald, chief officer for Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, thanked GPs and their teams for their hard work and commitment in ensuring that the region was rolling out vaccinations as quickly as possible. 'We are currently working our way through the priority groups as per the national guidance and I am delighted to say our vaccination teams have already visited all care homes in Argyll and Bute, which is really good news,' she added.

'I would remind the public of the importance of continuing to follow national guidance on social distancing, self-isolation and mixing indoors and that they should stay at home and only leave the house for essential purposes.'

attend their appointment due to circumstances outwith their control, for example hospital appointments or illness, and advised not to have the vaccine on that particular day.'

Patients who are currently housebound will receive a phone call from the practice to arrange a date and time for a home visit.

The clinic also stressed the importance of patients attending at the time given in their letter and not to arrive early.

The vaccination clinics are currently being held in the health centre and patients will enter via the main entrance and exit via the fire doors at the side of the building. Staff will be on hand to direct patients where to go.

Patients planning to drive to the clinic are advised not to drive for 15 minutes after vaccination. 'Please wait in your car and let us know if you feel unwell,' said the clinic spokesperson. 'We may receive



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Prisoner of war Neil 'hame at last'

This week sees the final instalment in the serialisation of Campbeltown soldier Gunner Neil MacLean's previously unpublished prisoner of war diary.

Gunner MacLean was captured 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 **March 1945:**

March 1st, moved out at 8am and marched through wind and rain till 6pm, 38km Trepow. 2nd, Alex weak today. Day of rest. 3rd, moved out at 7.30am and marched 25km. 4th, moved out at 7am and

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marched through snow till 6pm, 42km. All tired and wet and slept in an open field for about two hours. Too cold to sleep, so very numb.

5th, moved out at 6am and marched 35km. 6th, moved out at 10am and marched 20km, very hungry. 7th, moved out at 8am and received a Red Cross Parcel (RCP) between two at Machlen, 20km. Met Alex today. 8th, moved out at 9am and marched 20km, received an RCP between 21.

9th, moved out at 9am and marched 20km. 9th, moved out at 9am and marched 20km. RCP between 62. 10th, moved out at 8am and marched 20km. RCP between 2 [illegible].

11th, day of rest, up all night sick. 12th, started walking but was so weak. Managed to get on the back of a lorry, about 26km. Up all night, no control of my bowels. 13th, went on a



Gunner Neil MacLean, aged 30, when he was called up to fight.

lorry, I had to go for a s*** and the lorry went off without me. Caught up with it at Waren where we waited. I went back there [illegible], 50km. Try to [illegible].

Arrived at camp about 12pm, about 6km north. 14th,

received an RCP per man, tins all priced but can't eat anything. Put in a large room with 60 sick. 15th, went on sick [illegible] today. Received some powder to bulk, passing blood yesterday and today. 16th, better today an RCP between two.

17th, 18th, 19th, still weak. 20th, an RCP between two. 21st through to 27th, getting better but still weak. 28th, bathed and deloused. 29th, an RCP between two. 30th and 31st as before.

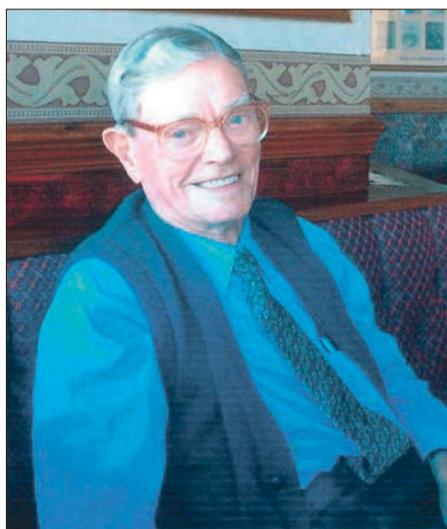
April 1st, went to draw rations and when I came back, had to lie down. Dispute about parcels... an RCP between two. 6th, six RCPs between two. 8th, examined by the [illegible] medical officer. Heart weak, to take things easy - no work. Told me to see the [illegible] medical officer about my ear, see him every day.

11th, an RCP between two. 13th, an RCP between two. Held two minutes' silence for President Roosevelt's death. Friday 27th, ordered to move out. Held a meeting and decided to stay. 28th, hearing shelling and air action. During the afternoon, at 11.55am, the Russian tank made contact with us, a few shots fired but nobody hurt.

May 17th, moved out of Neubrandenburg at 2pm by lorry, driven by Russian and moved into the American lines. Arrived at 2am at Schiverin (USA). 18th, moved out at 10am by USA lorries and arriving at Lunenburg with our own boys in charge. 19th, moved down to the airport and took off at 2pm.

So landed in dear old Blighty at 5pm at Ford (Sussex). Received a cup of tea. Moved to Worthing by lorry. 20th, in camp all day. On 21st, moved out at 4 o'clock and arrived in Glasgow. HAME at LAST.

See next week's Courier for a poem written by Neil during his time as a prisoner of war.



Neil MacLean in later life.

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There's light at the end of the tunnel... but, for now, embrace lockdown life

Once again the UK is living under tough but necessary restrictions as we battle COVID-19. Vaccines offer us hope and a way out but, until then, we must all play our part in together beating the virus. We look at the many ways we can continue to stay at home and enjoy life

AS COVID-19 tightens its grip, lockdown restrictions have again been put in place, and are likely to remain for some time to come.

Schools to shops, work to pubs, restaurants, cinemas and gyms – all aspects of our lives are affected amid the UK Government and Devolved Administrations' clear, clarion calls to stay at home.

Those on the NHS frontline continue to bear the brunt of the pandemic while other key workers are keeping operating essential services such as supermarkets, pharmacies, waste collection and deliveries.

We can all play our part on the path to freedom. All we have to do is obey the rules.

Life in lockdown is undoubtedly different. But, embrace it, and it can offer new opportunities.

Take up a hobby, learn a skill, exercise, read, bake, take up a craft and complete jobs around the

Mental wellbeing

There are things we can all do to look after our mental wellbeing at this time.

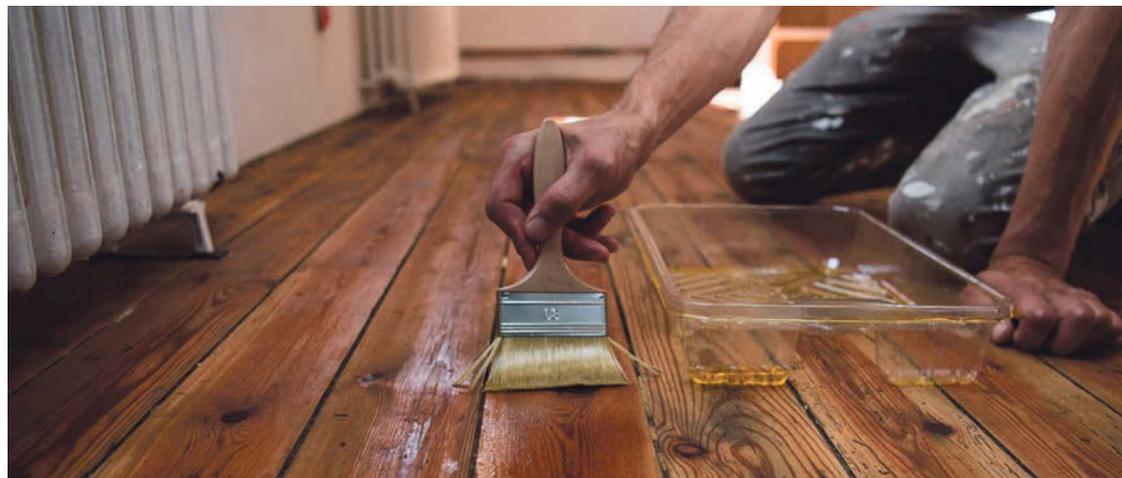
The Clear Your Head website has some great tips to help you feel calmer, create a routine, keep active, look after yourself and support each other. ■ Visit clearyourhead.scot

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house you have been putting off. New technologies allow us to keep in touch with family and friends as well as connecting on virtual pub quizzes and classes.

There is light at the end of the tunnel with rules regularly reviewed and the vaccination programme being rolled out apace.

But for now we are in this together, all having a vital part to play.



LOTS TO DO: Home improvements and more reading are just two things that can help you get through lockdown.



More exercise, DIY and daily routine have helped couple cope

Husband and wife Tim and Angela Hoe (right) have embraced life in lockdown.

The Yorkshire couple has exercised more, completed DIY jobs around the house and garden and become well-read.

"Like everyone else, our world has completely changed," said Angela. "Work has stopped, usual places we

visited closed, and we are not allowed to visit friends and family.

"All our shopping is supermarket click-and-collect or from our local independents and farm shop."

They have two adult children. Daughter Charlotte lives with her



partner nearby while son Lewis lives with his wife Lucy and two children Harry, aged six, and Lily, 18 months, in Bournemouth. Angela has not seen them or her parents, who also live in Yorkshire, for ten months. The couple love to exercise

and have continued to do so within updated rules.

"With gyms closing, it was a case of keeping ourselves fit with running, biking and YouTube yoga and fitness classes online. Reading and crosswords have also filled our days," confirmed Angela.

"The mobile library has provided a fantastic service allowing us to choose and order books online and

collect locally. Danielle Steel has been a particular favourite for me while my husband has continued with his love of Dickens, Steinbeck and Hemingway." Despite not visiting family, they have kept in touch. "FaceTime calling has become a regular occurrence with calls to our grandchildren and listening to our grandson read stories from his school book."

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Hand ups, not hand outs are what sector needs

For companies that were already reeling from the coronavirus pandemic and a collapse in demand from the hospitality industry, the arrival of new Brexit trade rules have come as a sucker punch.

Offers of up to £100,000 in compensation could soften the initial blow but if the current issues over red tape and delays at ports aren't resolved, a knock-out blow to many exporters small and large could be imminent. Urgent action is needed and it's needed now.

While the system could become more efficient in the coming months as teething troubles are ironed out, it is unlikely to become significantly less bureaucratic and, while big national businesses may be able to cope, the deluge of forms now required of exporters may see smaller independent companies, many of which are family run, drowned in paperwork.

In the meantime, stock is stuck at ports, exports to the European mainland are becoming impossible and companies could be forced out of business.

A period of grace is required while governments on both sides of the border address the problems. In the meantime, the industry has made itself clear. It doesn't want handouts, it wants a hand-up.

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Could supplying local shops solve fishermen's problems?

Whilst I have every sympathy with Scottish fishermen and the problems with the EU since Brexit, perhaps it is time they looked at the possibility of selling to the home market.

I see Loch Fyne langoustines are sent to the EU but, living fairly close to Loch Fyne, I don't seem to be able to buy the product locally.

I am sure UK supermarkets would be only too happy to sell crabs, lobsters and langoustines provided by Scottish fishermen but it seems they would prefer to supply the EU rather than the home market.

Fishing boats enter Campbeltown Loch regularly but there is no local supply of their catch as this is transported 'up the road' as soon as it is landed.

I just suggest that supplying the UK market is maybe a way out of the continual problems with our 'friendly' neighbours who seem hell bent on putting continual obstacles in the way of sensible trading partnerships.

Keith Abendroth, Campbeltown.

Need for adequate mental health support

As children and young people return to being home-schooled due to the new lockdown, there is no doubt this will have a continued detrimental impact on mental health and wellbeing.

As a coalition, we applaud the Scottish Government's greater investment in mental health services.

However, a view we share with other organisations is that this investment is simply not

sufficient. Mental health services were already under immense strain prior to Covid-19, with children waiting considerable lengths of time for support. Recent statistics from December, for example, point to the fact that more than 1,000 children have been waiting over a year for treatment.

This pandemic will only serve to make matters even worse as services deal with a backlog of those already suffering from mental health problems, added to which will be those who have developed problems over the course of lockdown.

What is needed is a national crusade, delivering significant investment in the public, private and third sectors to deliver adequate mental health support, both during and as we recover from Covid-19.

We must also use this as an opportunity to radically transform our mental health services, both for now and for the future, refocusing on prevention and early intervention.

In the meantime, we would urge those children and their families who feel they need help not to hold back and look to get the support they need.

The Scottish Children's Services Coalition: Kenny Graham, Falkland House School; Lynn Bell, LOVE Learning; Stephen McGhee, Spark of Genius; Niall Kelly, Young Foundations.

Rest and Be Thankful: the never-ending saga

I grew up in Peninver and have been hiking on the hills around the Rest and Be Thankful many times, all year round.

My initial thought a few years ago was that the best solution to the problem of landslides

on the Rest was building avalanche tunnels like there are on the A890 at Lochcarron but on the downhill side of the A83 there is practically zero ground to build on.

The big catch-pits along the uphill side of the road do seem to work but, in the long-term, removing the unstable soil and planting trees and shrubs on the rest of the hillside to hold it in place, might be the best solution.

Rather than replace the road through the Rest and Be Thankful with a new route through another glen or continuing to try and stop an unstable hillside from obeying the laws of gravity, how much would it cost to remove all the soil in these watercourses which regularly slide?

Maybe cost-wise removing the unstable soil from the Rest would be cheaper and quicker than building a whole new road?

If there is a landslide in a watercourse, it weakens the soil directly above it so that will slide next, followed by the soil above it.

The bedrock at the Rest is only a couple of feet below the surface so removing the soil in gullies liable to slide after rain might be a lot cheaper than building a new road through another glen.

For a permanent solution, perhaps close off the road from Ardgartan to the Lochgoilhead junction for six months in the winter, pipe water from Loch Restil to the top of the gullies prone to sliding – at the base of the first exposed bedrock high up the gullies – let the water run for three or four months and hydraulically remove all the loose soil. Then in the spring shovel all the accumulated debris off the other side of the road?

It would mean short-term inconvenience for a lot of people but it might save a lot of money, time and, perhaps lives, in the long-term.

Harry Hood, New Hampshire, USA.

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Could you help those who suffer from ME?

The serious neurological condition Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) will sadly be all too familiar to some of readers as at least 20,000 children and adults in Scotland live with ME, also diagnosed as chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS or ME/CFS).

Many face barriers in accessing health and social care services that meet their needs and some professionals still don't understand the impact of ME and its symptoms.

UK charity Action for ME is trying to change this by offering people with ME across Scotland one-to-one advocacy, via phone and email, to help them be heard, understand their rights and access support.

We want to expand this much-needed service and are seeking enthusiastic volunteers in Scotland who can make the most of our online advocate training programme to develop their skills, gain valuable experience and help improve the lives of vulnerable people with ME, all from home.

Anyone interested in finding out more can call 01179 279551, email advocacy@actionforme.org.uk or visit www.actionforme.org.uk/advocacy for details.

We would love to hear from good listeners who can spare two hours a week.

**Alice Cranston, advocacy coordinator,
Action for ME.**

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PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's photograph is another showing Arran's snow-covered hills from Kintyre. The atmospheric shot, taken by Bob Goodman from Campbeltown on January 4, shows the last rays of the sun shining over a frost-covered forest road in East Kintyre, with the north west coast of Arran in the background. If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk or send it via the Courier's Facebook page.

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Across Argyll and Bute Stop Smoking Advisors delivering the Quit Your Way Stop Smoking services are there to help you have a healthy start to 2021. An important role for this team is encouraging people to never start smoking as well as helping those who do to "quit their way" as part of the team's effort to work towards the Scottish Government's aim of a tobacco free generation by 2034.

QUIT YOUR WAY with our support

The Argyll and Bute team take great pride in helping people make life changing steps to give up smoking for good. Becoming Smoke Free has immediate health benefits such as a lower heart rate, improved carbon monoxide levels and a better sense of taste and smell. Within weeks improvements can be experienced in coughing, breathing and lung function. For those who have asthma, after stopping smoking for a few weeks the severity of asthma attacks reduce. Within a year, stopping smoking can result in improvements for people with mild to moderate Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and reduce the risk of coronary heart disease by 50%!

Making that first appointment with an Advisor can feel like a really big step so all clients will be welcomed, supported and listened to – everyone's journey is different so Advisors will provide a bespoke stop smoking programme for every individual client. Advisors will explain that the NHS Quit Your Way Stop Smoking Service is free, supportive, non-judgemental and is generally provided over a 12- week programme. Regular

contact is made throughout this duration to review each individual's progress and any challenges that arise. Advisors work with clients to find out what their goals are, what motivates them and how to successfully help them stop for good. Advisors also talk through the medications available, discuss what would work best for the client and arrange for these to be prescribed.



Being smoke free will also improve the health of family and friends exposed to second hand smoke. Savings of several thousands of pounds each year can be made, allowing your wallet to be much healthier too!

The team are aware many smokers are worrying about Covid-19 and the risk of more severe symptoms which is why it's an important time to get this message out.

If you are thinking about stopping smoking, would like more information or would like to speak to someone about your smoking habits the team would encourage you to get in touch.

Evidence shows that you are four times more likely to stop smoking when supported by a Stop Smoking Advisor so don't delay that quit any longer, the team are here for you to start 2021 smoke free!



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FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

Friday January 21 2011

Farewell to HMS Campbeltown

HMS Campbeltown will sail out of Campbeltown Loch on March 14 this year for the last time.

Commissioned in 1989, she has paid many visits to her named town, cementing the links that have united the ship and the community ever since.

Another community, across the Atlantic, has strong links with the ship and when Campbeltown, Pennsylvania, celebrated the 250th anniversary of its founding in 2009, the bell from HMS Campbeltown was taken back to Campbeltown for the ceremony by two of the ship's crew, Lieutenant Commander Rob Welford and Chief Petty Officer Tommy Cooper.

The bell, which had come from the original HMS Campbeltown, had been handed back to Campbeltown after the ship had played an illustrious role in the Second World War by being used to blow up the dock gates at St Nazaire on the west coast of France.

HMS Campbeltown was originally an American ship, the USS Buchanan, and when the new HMS Campbeltown was commissioned in 1989, the people of Campbeltown held a vote to decide whether or not the bell should go back to the Royal Navy's new frigate.

They agreed by a majority of five votes and the bell had pride of place on HMS Campbeltown for 30 years.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday January 19 1996

Council smoking ban plan

A compromise was reached at Campbeltown Community Council when a move to ban smoking in the council chamber was discussed.

Previously, smoking was allowed after 8pm but after complaints from non-smokers the matter was raised again.

After some fuming and a few smouldering glances, the council agreed to have a five-minute recess during the meeting to allow smokers to withdraw.

Smithy the musical

Pupils at Campbeltown Grammar School are preparing for this year's drama production – a musical about a school drama production.

Smithy – the musical, is set in a fictional Scottish school where preparations are being made for a school play.

Smithy, driven by the fact the girl of his dreams, Belinda, is taking part, joined the cast. But Smithy, a teacher's nightmare, causes so much chaos that the head teacher ends up on a life support machine.

Enter Dr Hannibal Lecture, the replacement head, and the stage is set for a war of nerves. The musical is on next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with curtain up at 7.30pm.

West Coast Motors will be extending its local town service to include the school on the three nights of the production.



In 1996: Campbeltown twins Donna and Fiona Robertson received grants of £143 each from Argyll and Bute District Council to help meet the costs of attending the British Judo Championships.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Friday January 21 1971

Visit on – but support needed

Confirmation has been received from the mayor of the French village of Montbeliard that a party of Campbeltownians will be welcome at the village's music festival on July 3-4 this year.

Provost Dan McKinven told the Courier: 'I now propose to call a meeting within the Town Council Chambers of all interested in taking part. I would expect representation from pipers, Highland and Scottish country dancers, choirs and pop groups. Any individual performer would also be welcome as a cross-section of our community and its talent is essential.'

The plan is to travel directly from Campbeltown to Montbeliard by luxury coach. The village is about 70kms from the Swiss border.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday January 22 1921

Two boys birched for purse thefts

At a children's court last Friday – Sheriff McMaster Campbell on the bench – two boys were charged with the theft of purses containing money from a house in Burn Road. The crime was admitted.

The boys, it appeared, were messengers, and the younger one was in the habit of calling at the house daily. The purses were taken on separate days. On the first occasion a purse containing £1 16s 6d had been left lying on a small table near the window of one of the rooms. The window was probably partially open. After the younger boy's visit in the afternoon, it was missed.

Next day, a purse containing 4s 6d was left in the same position and on the boy calling at the house, the occupier challenged him with the theft. He admitted taking the purse and handed it over to the owner.

While this interview was going on at the back door, the older boy, who accompanied the other on the second occasion, appeared to have devoted his attention to the room where the first purse was got and he possessed himself of the second purse and its contents. His lordship sentenced each of the culprits to receive seven strokes with the birch rod.

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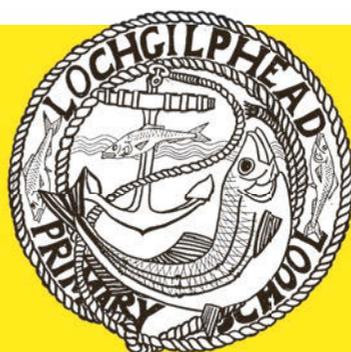
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All staff are qualified and very experienced in the delivery of the early years' curriculum, providing children with well-planned and exciting experiences. Children regularly visit Kilmory Woods for Forest School activities enabling them to learn about the environment and develop a range of skills.

The Pre-5 Unit has close links with Primary 1 thus



offering an enhanced transition process into Primary education. Please get in touch if you would like further information. enquiries-lochgilphead@argyll-bute.gov.uk 01546 602747



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Campbeltown Nursery Centre

REGISTRATION WEEK

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Between our two settings, Campbeltown Nursery Centre offer the following Term-Time and Full Year attendance options.



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Monday to Friday	9am-3pm	Term-Time
Monday to Friday	8:30am – 1:30pm	Full Year
Monday to Friday	12noon-5pm	Full Year
Any 3 Days	8:45am-5:15pm	Full Year

Children attending all patterns will be offered a FREE, 2 course lunch on a daily basis.

Online registration only this year due to COVID-19.

Please register via: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/registering-your-child-nursery Anytime between Monday 25th January and Friday 29th January.

If you require any support or further information, please contact: enquiries-campbeltownnursery@argyll-bute.gov.uk

For an informal chat please contact Miss Fiona Armour, Head of Centre at either CNC, Ralston Road on 552397 or Aqualibrium ELC, Kinloch Road, 559057.



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At Kilmartin ELC:

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- We provide high quality play and learning experiences, promoting creativity and giving children the opportunities to be imaginative and independent thinkers.
- We provide stimulating indoor and outdoor environments to encourage a positive attitude to learning.

- We explore our wider outdoor area and promote exciting and meaningful outdoor learning experiences
- We promote positive behaviour and encourage children to understand each other's feelings. Children learn to care for and respect themselves and those around them, to be sensitive to the needs and feelings of others



Kilmartin Primary School ELC

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Our staff are experienced and nurturing, and encourage the children to explore and be creative.

Photographs of our setting can be seen on the Drumlemble Primary and ELC Facebook page and on our school website <http://www.drumlemble.argyll-bute.sch.uk/> If you would like further information please contact Mr. Long on 01586 810240 or email enquiries-drumlemble@argyll-bute.gov.uk



Badden Farm Nursery



As can be seen from our lovely photographs, Badden Farm Nursery are strong advocates for all outdoor activities. The nursery is now a 50/50 indoor/outdoor nursery offering the children the full Forest Schools outdoor experience within our lovely wooded areas where the children love to explore.

Research clearly and consistently identifies outdoor play as vital to emotional, physical and mental health and well-being, and crucial to all aspects of childhood learning and development, and this is the reason we continue to establish outdoor play as the critical catalyst for healthy childhood development to offer all our children. During the first lockdown we created another planting area on our extensive grounds with a large greenhouse for the children's use. The children adored coming back to bring on their vegetables and flowers and were delighted to use some of their own produce for their snacks.

Fully commissioned for ELC education our trained and highly professional staff team have created a warm, welcoming and safe environment for the children to enjoy stimulating learning experiences through their play. The nursery also has 4 lovely donkeys on site which are hugely popular with children and parents alike. We also have chickens and one of the activities the ELC room enjoys every year is having an incubator in their playroom and watching the

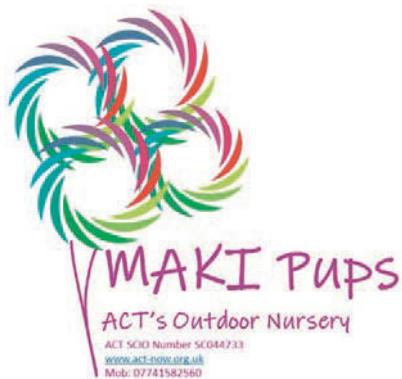
hen eggs hatch out. With close ties to a local farm, in Spring we support the farm by rearing orphaned lambs and calves, which the children are fully involved with from petting to feeding them, a hugely rewarding experience for all. We pride ourselves on having excellent relationships with our parents and grandparents, and we are always delighted with the support our families offer us with all our events and endeavours. We would normally be delighted to welcome families to visit and see for themselves our very unique setting, sadly with the present restrictions this is not possible, but please call us if you have any questions about our service, we would be delighted to help. Please call Jean on 01546 600072 Or email baddenfarm@btconnect.com

MAKI Pups Outdoor Nursery

MAKI Pups is Mid Argyll's first fully outdoor nursery. We have three fantastic spaces at Kilmory Walled Garden. Each area offers children different opportunities to explore, learn and play creatively. Our Potting Sheds are a cosy hub of activity, our lawn offers space to stretch out and our woodland is where our imagination can run wild! Our fantastic team of experienced practitioners

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Thought for the Week

The end of the night

In July we saw relaxing of coronavirus restrictions, included those imposed on churches. Was it the light at the end of the tunnel?

With hindsight, no, but I'm anticipating an end to the pandemic – coming out of the gloom. There have been many episodes in life when I've lived in the hope of emerging through the other side of the dark night. I thank God for the hope he gives me. But how do we know when the darkness of night has ended?

In a rabbinical school, a very old rabbi posed a clever question to his young students: 'When can it be said that night truly ends and the day begins? When is that moment when from darkness there comes light, when it can really be said the gloom has passed and brightness is here?'

The first student, still a bit immature, replied: 'Well, it's when it says so on the internet.'

The rabbi smiled and told him: 'That's not what I mean.'

The next student said: 'It's when you can distinguish sheep from goats, because in the dark they look very similar, but when light appears they can be told apart.'

The rabbi told him it was a wiser answer, but not the one.

The third student said: 'When you can tell the fig tree and palm tree apart.'

This interested the rabbi but, no, this wasn't it. The rabbi asked if there were any other ideas, but there weren't. So he told them the answer: 'It is when you look at another person and do not see a stranger but a brother or sister; this is when know the night has ended and the day begins.'

Father Tony Wood, Saint Kieran's Catholic Church, Campbeltown.

ISLAY

Green fund good news for island distilleries

A £10 million fund provided by the UK Government to help distilleries cut carbon emissions has been given a warm welcome by Councillor Alastair Redman, Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for Business, Regeneration and Commercial Development.

Eleven distilleries across Scotland will receive funding including some located on the islands, including Islay and South Uist, as well as investment in the European Marine Energy Centre in Orkney.

Councillor Redman, an Islay resident, said: 'We are all very pleased to learn of this exciting new project at Bruichladdich here on Islay.'

'Our distilleries are absolutely fundamental to the island's economy so this government support is a real confidence-builder.'

'I'm already looking forward to my first dram provided courtesy of low-carbon hydrogen'

TARBERT



Team Tarbert provided support for people during the 2020 lockdown.

Team Tarbert is here for you

A community group set up by volunteers at the start of lockdown in March last year remains ready to offer support to people in and around Tarbert.

As restrictions eased last spring and summer, and the need for its services diminished, Team Tarbert remained as an informal voluntary group and has been active throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, offering support via the Team Tarbert Facebook page, keeping in touch with the community and working with other organisations.

Now that Scotland has returned to lockdown, Team Tarbert will be offering TLC bags containing food and essentials.

Team Tarbert founder and co-ordinator Fiona McTaggart said: 'Thanks to the Tarbert Co-op for adding a donation trolley in store. It has also kindly added a collection bucket with all money raised put back into our community to help others.'

'Team Tarbert will also continue to offer support to those who need it. It is our aim to ensure residents are not isolated and are getting the support they need, whether it be a friendly face, a phone call or more practical help.'

'We are aware people could begin to feel lonely, anxious and just need that little bit of help in this period.'

Fiona added: 'If you, your family or anyone you know needs any help during these difficult times please reach out to us. We have a large group of volunteers with varying skills and knowledge that really make for a great team.'

'And if we can't help we can help you find someone who can.'

Information on projects and support is available on the Team Tarbert Facebook page.

Fiona added: 'Team Tarbert is extremely thankful to community, volunteers and members of Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust for their ongoing support.'

Team Tarbert contact details: Fiona McTaggart 07717 325628. Laura MacKay 07795 693506.

Castle volunteer parties temporarily halted

Volunteer work parties have been suspended at Tarbert Castle under current coronavirus restrictions.

Robert McPhail, secretary and treasurer of Tarbert Castle Trust, said: 'After discussion with some volunteers and trustees, despite having been ensuring social distancing outdoors, we have decided to suspend future Saturday work



Tarbert Castle's volunteer work parties have been suspended.

parties until Covid advice allows us to resume. We have in place individuals and 'bubbles' who feed and check sheep daily while others carry out selected maintenance tasks, including the website and Facebook, on a regular basis, at times when it suits them and there is no reason these essential activities should not continue.'

A blackboard in the castle orchard will be used to list any other tasks volunteers looking for outdoor exercise can tackle if and when they can.

Mr McPhail added: 'The only major project at present which requires team working is the new path around the pond but it has no deadline to meet and can be delayed as long as required.'

CARRADALE

Covid vaccination update

Carradale Surgery has been informed it will receive Covid-19 vaccinations for the over 80s by around January 27.

The surgery team plans to be in contact with all over 80s in due course to arrange and carry out their vaccinations as soon as possible after delivery. Patients are requested not to contact the surgery directly about vaccinations and to continue to stay safe by following current lockdown restrictions.

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Around the markets

Caledonian Marts Ltd, Monday January 18: sold 689 Store Hoggets and Feeding Ewes at their first store sheep sale of 2021.

All classes of Hoggets made record averages and sold to a top of £107 for a pen of Texel Hoggets from A & J McNicol, Pendreich, Bridge of Allan.

Leading Prices

Store Lambs per Head: Char £105 Pendreich, Texel £104 Wester Tillyrie, Beltex X £104 Whitecross, Cont £103 Balcachie, Suffolk £103 Balcachie, Texel X £100 Whitecross, Suffolk X £99 Pendreich, Mule £98 Wester Tillyrie, Cheviot £89 Walton, BF £84 Doune of Glendouglass
Ewes per Head: Herdwick £60 Craigton.

United Auctions, Stirling, Thursday January 14: sold

6631 prime sheep comprising of 5374 prime hoggs selling to an average of 255.79ppk & 1257 ewes and rams.

Old Season Lambs (5374) – Doune Farms (BTex) £157.00; Harviesmailing (BTex) £156.00;

Luckenburn & Doune Farms (BTex) £154.00; Auchenrivoch (Tex) £143.00; Hallhill (Tex) £139.00; Auchenflower (Tex) £138.00; North Dorlaithers (Mill Blue) £139.00, £136.00 & £134.50; North Dorlaithers (Suf) £130.00; Elmscleugh (Suf) £128.50; West Carse (Suf) £127.00; West Balgothrie (Chev) £125.50; Gilston (Chev) £123.00; Wardhead (Chev) £119.50; Merkins (BF) £123.00; Dyke (BF) £116.50; Elmscleugh (BF) £114.50; Wardhead (Mule) £117.00; Pitcairn (Mule) £116.00; Coates, Coulshill & Elmscleugh (Mule) £115.00.

Old Season Lambs (5374) – Harviesmailing (BTex) 359.00ppk; Luckenburn (BTex) 354.00ppk; Wardhead & Doune Farms (BTex) 349.00ppk; Easter Greenhill (Tex) 321.00ppk; Nether Kidston (Tex) 314.00ppk; Tay & Torridon (Tex) 314.00ppk; Airtnoch (Chev) 281.00ppk; Hallhill (Chev) 279.00ppk; Stacks (Chev) 271.00ppk; West Park (Suf) 271.00ppk; Merryhill, Wormiston & Wardhead (Suf) 265.00ppk; North Dorlaithers (Mill Blue) 259.00ppk &

250.00ppk; Penston (BF) 257.00ppk; Tay & Torridon (BF) 254.00ppk; Midhouse & Springfield (BF) 252.00ppk; West Balgothrie (Mule) 256.00ppk; Drumtee (Mule) 254.00ppk; Coulshill & Coxhill (Mule) 251.00ppk.

Ewes (1257) – East Brackenridge (Tex) £190.00; South Flanders & East Brackenridge (Tex) £168.00; East Brackenridge (Tex) £165.00; West Carse (Tex) £162.00; Lochran (TexX) £160.00; South Flanders (TexX) £156.00 & £154.00; Over Finlart (TexX) £150.00 x2; South Flanders (Cont) £149.00; Nether Pratis (Cont) £147.00; Dyke (Cont) £144.00; Lochend (BTex) £140.00; Fintalich (Suf) £129.00; Little Raith (Suf) £124.00; Lochend & Wester Kepdowrie (SufX) £118.00; Redheugh (SufX) £115.00; Wester Moffat (SufX) £113.00; South Flanders (Mule) £120.00; Fintalich (Mule) £109.00; East Brackenridge (Mule) £103.00; Pitcairn (Mule) £100.00; Craighall (BFL) £104.00; Craighall (Chev) £98.00 x2; Invermilton (Chev) £88.00; Kinaldy (Chev) £85.00; Elmscleugh (BF) £90.00 & £85.00; Pitcairn & East Brackenridge (BF) £78.00; Coulshill (BF)

£76.50; Mains of Tig & Wester Moffat (BF) £75.00.
Tups – Whitehouse (Cha) £126.00; Kilmory (Tex) £120.00; Lossit (Tex) £118.00; West Carse (BFL) £114.00; West Lundie (BTex) £99.00; Lower Killernie (BTex) 93.00; Little Raith (Suf) £98.00; White House (Zwa) £96.00; Littleport (BF) £86.00; Kilmory (BF) £83.00; Achnaba (BF) £79.00.

Dingwall & Highland Marts, Thursday January 14: sold 2,968 sheep of all classes.

Lambs (1,854) averaged £74.73 and sold to £130 for a Texel cross from Midbadgrinan, Culbokkie.

Ewes (578) averaged £86.12 and sold to £161 for a pair of Texels from Woodend, Killearnan.

Ewes in Lamb (54) sold to £166 for a pen of Texel crosses in lamb to Beltex from Kirkhill, Farm, Alves.

Rams (434) averaged £99.16 and sold to £172 for a Texel from 2 Ardmores, Edderton.

Feeding sheep (48) sold to £103 for a Texel cross wedder from Greenlands Farm, Arabella.

Other leading prices per head: Lambs: TexX – East Croft Roy, Newtonmore, £129

& £123, Glentruim Farms, Newtonmore, £115, Woodend, £113; Mule – East Croft Roy, £122 & £103, Glentruim Farms, £113, Achhabat, Torness, £107; Chev – 1 Mellon Charles, Aultbea, £115, South Balkeith, Tain, £115 & £107, Keoldale Sheep Stock Club, Lairg, £105, Dundreggan Croft, Glenmoriston, £105; BF – Gorthleck Mains, Inverness, £105, ½ of 1 Clachan, Staffin, £95; Cross – Tomchrasky, Glenmoriston, £105 & £100, 15/16 Achvraill, Rogart, £91; Dorset – Greenlands Farm, £103; CharX – 4 Tomich Beaully, £101; Suff – Lochbuie, Newtonmore, £101; BeltX – Jackdaw Cottage, Wester Templand, £99 & £93; SuffX – Broynach, Thurso, £96, Kirkhill Farm, £96, 4 Tomich, £95;

Ewes: TexX – Pitkerrie, Fearn, £140 & £125, Woodend, £137, Craigroy, Dallas, £130, Little Kildrummie, Nairn, £121, Leanach Farm, Inverness, £117; Tex – Pitkerrie, £134; BeltX – Upperton, Glenurquhart, £138, Rosebrae Farm, Elgin, £123; Chev – South Balkeith, £135, Bogallan, North Kessock, £115, Upperton, £100, Dunain Farms, Inverness, £97; SuffX – Little Kildrummie, £134, Craigroy, £120, 9 Loaneckheim,

Kiltarlity, £118; CHM – Pitkerrie, £123, Dunain Farms, £113; Cross – Rosebrae Farm, £120; Mule – Craigroy, £115, Pithogarty, Tain, £107, Little Kildrummie, £105; BF – Blackford Farm, Croy, £88, 19 Torgormack, Beaully, £80.

Ewes in Lamb: Mule – Kirkhill Farm, £152; TexX – Kirkhill Farm, £150; Rous – Kirkhill Farm, £148, SuffX – Kirkhill Farm, £136.

Rams: BFL – Blackford Farm, Croy, £168 & £124; Suff – Inverinate Estate, Kyle of Lochalsh, £155, Pitmain Farms, Kingussie, £121; Belt – Invercharron, Ardgay, £151; Chev –

2 Ardmores, £150, South Balkeith, £145, Corriebhein Farms, Portree, £140, 68 Foindle, Lairg, £135, Inverinate Estate, £131; Tex – Mid Calder, Thurso, £133, Corriebhein Farms, £133, Rowanlea, Kirkhill, £131, Balintore Farms, Fearn, £125; BF – 1 Camusluinie, Kyle of Lochalsh, £127, Clune & Corrybrough Estate, Tomatin, £127.

Feeding Sheep: Tex gmr – Leanach Farm, £100; CharX wdr – Dunain Mains, £100; Cross wdr – Tomchrasky, £91; Chev wdr – Bundaloch Sheep Stock Club, Dornie, £83; BF wdr – Bundaloch Sheep Stock Club, £75.



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ELC registration, starting from August 2021, will take place online using the council's website. Details of the link will be published using social media and on the website. If you are unable to access the online registration form please call the Early Years Helpline on 01369 708503 week beginning 25 January 2021.

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APPLETON - Andrew and Roslyn are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Sophie Mary, born January 14, 2021. A wee sister for Katie, second grandchild for Mary and the late Ron McGuinness and fourth grandchild for Derek and the late Isobel Appleton. Both families are over the moon.

ENGAGEMENT

MILLAR - MCALISTER - Archie and Tracy Millar are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter, Rhona to Stewart, eldest son of Adrian and Wendy McAlister, Dungannon, Northern Ireland.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Peacefully with her family by her side, on January 18, 2021, Janet "Jenny" Campbell B.E.M. (née Mitchell) in her 91st year, of Badden Farm, Lochgilphead. Beloved wife of the late Duncan Campbell. Adored mother of Iain and Craig, much respected mother-in-law of Jennifer and Isla. Dearly loved granny of Robert, Jack and James. Dear step-granny to Caroline, Jennifer, Andrew and Laura and great-step granny to Fergus. Cherished sister of Hugh, Alasdair and the late Neil and Duncan. A dear sister-in-law, aunt and cousin to all the family. A good and loyal friend to many. A private funeral service will be held at Achabreac Cemetery on Monday, January 25, 2021. For those wishing to pay their respects, the funeral cortege will leave from Lochgilphead Parish Church at 11.30am, travelling along Bishopton Road en-route to Achabreac Cemetery. Please adhere to social distancing regulations.

CLARK - Suddenly at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 17, 2021, Archibald Clark (Archie) in his 86th year, Drumore Villa West and formerly of Kildalloig Farm, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Mary Thomson Coffield, much loved dad of Bobby, Jane and Caroline, loving granda of Aimee, Molly, Adam, Katy and Murray and great-granda of Sophia and Skylar. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Archie's funeral will take place on Friday, January 22. The cortege will leave the family home at 1.00pm, after a short prayer. We will head down Millknowe, along Aqualibrium Avenue and past the Cross on the way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Archie may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

HAMILTON - Isobel (Clachan and Edinburgh). Isobel passed away peacefully on January 8, 2021 at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Much loved sister to Sandy and Douglas, sister-in-law to Shona and Jane, loving aunt to Iain, Grant and Eilidh, great-aunt to Ruairidh and Marr. Due to the ongoing restrictions a private family service will take place at Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh on January 25 at 11am The family expects to hold a memorial service at a later date.

HAMILTON - Peacefully at his home, Leac Na Ban, Tayvallich, on January 14, 2021, Neil Alexander Hamilton, Alex, in his 76th year. Co-founder of the Studio Barn, Argyll and Pollex Props. Dearly loved husband of Pauline (Polly) and much loved father of Katharine (Kate), Angus, and Alasdair. A dear friend and acquaintance to many. A private funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium on Thursday, January 21, 2021. Sadly missed.

POPPELTON - Peacefully at home, Glencreggan, Glenbarr, on January 12, 2021, Kay Poppleton née Davidson in her 70th year, dearly beloved wife of David Poppleton and a much loved mother, mother-in-law, nana and auntie.

MACDONALD - Peacefully at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on January 14, 2021, Donald Paterson MacDonald, in his 76th year, Drumoyenmore Farm, Isle of Gigha, dearly beloved son of the late Peter and Hannah MacDonald and a loving brother, uncle and great-uncle.

MACDOUGALL - On December 24, 2020, suddenly at home, John Arnott MacDougall (Scooby) beloved partner of Morag, much loved son of Eric and the late Lynwen MacDougall, dear brother of Sharon and a dearly loved uncle of Bethany, Kai and Jamie. A private funeral service, owing to current restrictions, will take place at Carrick Cemetery, on Saturday, January 23. For those wishing to pay their respects, the cortege will leave Rorkes Drift in School Road at 10.30am, make its way to the fishing quay and travel back along Harbour Street on route to the cemetery.

MACDOUGALL - On December 25, 2020, tragically at his home, Peter Alexander MacDougall, aged 51 years, beloved husband of Anna and much loved dad of Dylan, Ronja and Hamish, dearly loved son of Rhea and the late Hamish MacDougall, dear brother of Jane, James and Fiona, and a cherished uncle of all the family. A private funeral, owing to current restrictions, will take place at Carrick Cemetery, for those wishing to pay their respects, the cortege will leave from Tarbert Fish Quay, on Friday, January 22 at 11.30 a.m., along Harbour Street on route to the cemetery.

MAXWELL - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on January 14, 2021, Tommy Maxwell, in his 87th year, of 6 Hermione Terrace, Ardrishaig. Retired Hydro Electric Board Engineer and former Royal Corp of Signals. Beloved husband of the late Florence (Bunty) Currie. Adored father of James, much respected father-in-law of Sandra, and dearly loved Grampa of Emily and Thomas. Cherished brother of Ileen and the late Hugh (Tuan.) A dear brother-in-law, uncle, great uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and former colleague. A private funeral service was held at Achabreac Cemetery on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Forever in our thoughts.

WINSTANLEY - Sadly at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 18, 2021, Agnes O'May McLean (Nancy) in her 87th year, Pierview, Low Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Jim Winstanley, much loved mum of Ann, Margaret and James, a loving, much loved granny and great-granny and a dearly loved sister of Elaine McFadyen. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Nancy's funeral will take place on Wednesday, January 27. The cortege will leave the family home at 1.00pm. We will head along Low Askomil, George Street and the Esplanade, past the Cross on the way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Nancy may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

MC FARLANE - Mhairi and the family of the late John McFarlane (Furnace) would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for all their sympathy and support, flowers, cards and phone calls during their sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Strane, all the carers who attended to John over the months and to all who lined the funeral route from John's house to the cemetery, thank you also to Donald McDonald funeral directors (Roddy, Fiona and Cammy) for their excellent, heartfelt services, also to Rev David Carruthers for a lovely service.

IN MEMORIAM
BRISTOW -



Bill Bristow at Longrow church. Rev Bill Bristow of Southend. March 1, 1926 - January 22, 2018. Much loved, respected and missed. Bill was so thoughtful, caring and always had time to give to so many. He

will remain much in our hearts.

- The Bristow family.
HARKNESS - In loving memory of Chris, a dear husband, dad and papa, died January 20, 2000.
- From Ellen and family.

LONG - Chris, January 19, 2020.
The day I realised you don't know what you've got til it's gone.
- Denis.

MACDOUGALL - Loving memories of Duncan, a much loved nephew and cousin, taken too soon on January 18, 2018.
No length of time can take away
Our thoughts of you from day to day
No need for words except to say
We miss you Duncan in every way
- McIntyre family.

MACKINLAY - In loving memory of Alexander, who passed away January 25, 2016. The world changes from year to year

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.For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. — Psalm 100:5

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Our lives from day to day
But the love and memories of you
Will never fade away.
- Mum, Jock, Peter and Aly.

MACKINLAY - In loving memory of Alexander, who passed away January 25, 2016. Time passes and memories stay
Loved and remembered every day.
- Heather, Iain and the boys.

CHURCH NOTICES

SALVATION ARMY



Our meetings in the hall are currently cancelled Gospel message will be available via our FB page every Sunday

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7.30pm Youth Group (by Zoom)

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MACKINLAY - In loving memory of Alexander MacKinlay Jnr, died January 25, 2016.
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- Sadly missed by Mum, John, Jason, Kelly-Anne and family. Gone but not forgotten.
- Daughter, Courtney.

MACKINLAY - In loving memory of our daddy Alexander MacKinlay. Death leaves a heartache

No one can heal
Love leaves a memory
No one can steal
- Love your girls Caitlyn and Chloe xxxxx

MUIR - Treasured memories of a dear mum, granny, great-granny and great-great-granny, Bessie, died January 22, 2011.

Forever in our thoughts.
- Love Jean, Jessie and family.

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There will be no services in the church during present Covid 19 restrictions
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Rev W Crossan

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The churches are currently closed - a reflection from the Rev Lyn Peden will be available on the Church of Scotland in Tarbert, Kilberry and Skipness Facebook page 01880820158
Charity numbers Tarbert SC002622 and Skipness SC004280

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RC CHURCH

Current restriction announced by the Scottish Government mean it is necessary to close places of worship. Therefore, Holy Mass will be celebrated without people present and will be broadcast on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/campbeltownrcchurch>) and Zoom (Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6593787274>), at 10am Friday-Wednesday.

Anyone requiring pastoral care should contact Fr. Wood: 01586 552160 or campbeltown@rcdai.org.uk.

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Andy and James Robertson of Robertson Bros sponsored kit for 28 youngsters in the girls' team.

Sponsors kit out young Pupils

More Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association (CDJFA) players have been kitted out with training clothing, thanks to generous sponsorship from two Kintyre families, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

Last month, the association's 2013 team received jackets thanks to the family of the late MC Croll, adorned with a logo of her initials around a football, as well as waterproof training trousers. A CDJFA

spokesperson said: 'We would like to thank the family again for the very generous donation. The two 2013 groups are so proud of their jackets.'

Another 28 youngsters, from the girls' team, received jackets and trousers earlier this month courtesy of the family-run business Robertson Bros.

The spokesperson added: 'The children are absolutely delighted with their new kit. Thank you again team Robertson.'



The two 2013 teams with their new jackets courtesy of the late MC Croll's family.

Beaumont goes extra mile for Mary's Meals

British long-distance cyclist Mark Beaumont, who for some time during his childhood lived in Kintyre, is using his star pedal power to support Dalmally-based school feeding charity Mary's Meals.

Mark is asking people to take part in the fundraiser Miles For Mary's Meals, by setting themselves a fun, exercise-based challenge.

Mark, who helped the charity launch the campaign on Wednesday, currently holds the world record for cycling 18,000 miles around the world in less than 79 days but suggests that people do not need to set themselves such ambitious goals to make a difference.



Cyclist Mark Beaumont is supporting Mary's Meals.

Love, donations made will go twice as far. Give until January 31, and the UK government with match public donations to the charity, up to £2 million.

Gillian McMahon, director of supporter engagement at Mary's Meals, said: 'Whether it's doing your regular run, getting on your bike or upping your daily step count, we hope that lots of people will get moving and take part in Miles For Mary's Meals.'

Those taking part in Miles For Mary's Meals are asked to ensure they participate in their chosen exercise challenge safely and in line with Covid-19 restrictions in their area.

To find out more about organising a Miles For Mary's Meals fundraiser, visit marysmeals.org.uk

'...what better way to begin 2021 than by...fundraising to help others.'

He said: 'Last year was very difficult for all of us but, at the start of a new year, what better way to begin 2021 than by taking on a new challenge and at the same time fundraising to help others.'

'Whether, like me, you try a cycling challenge, go jogging around your neighbourhood, or lace up your boots and go walking, there are so many ways that you can get involved with Miles For Mary's Meals.

It's a fantastic way to get more active and also help feed hungry children in the world's poorest communities.'

Funds raised will allow Mary's Meals to provide hungry children in some of the world's poorest areas

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