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Lori's lockdown litter clean-up of roadsides

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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A Clachan woman furloughed from her work has put her spare time to good use by clearing litter from the grass verges near her home – and she is encouraging others in her position to do the same in their own towns and villages.

Rather than 'sitting at home being annoyed' by the amount of discarded rubbish at the side of the A83, which she thinks has 'increased significantly' in recent months, childcare practitioner Lori Silvan decided to tackle the issue head-on by collecting as much as possible during her daily walks.

Armed with bin bags and protective gloves, she started her clean-up mission last Wednesday, January 27, and after two hours, and only 200 yards covered, she had six bin bags full of rubbish.

Determined to overcome the rubbish issue in a bid to 'keep Argyll beautiful', Lori intends to continue litter-picking until she is able to return to work.



Lori Silvan is tackling the roadside litter problem by collecting rubbish while on her daily walk. 50_c06lorilitter01

She has also set up a Facebook group called 'WAKE UP, CLEAN UP ARGYLL' to encourage others to do the same.

She said: 'I really want to raise awareness of this issue, and urge other people, on their daily walk, to do the same. It is not just Clachan that is affected – I have noticed the rubbish from here to Inveraray

increasing at the roadsides. Argyll is a truly beautiful place and we are really lucky to live here, but if we let this littering continue it will start to look uncared for.

'If you know of anyone who throws rubbish out of their car, please explain why it is not a good idea. Also, help to educate our children, as they are our future.'

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson told the Courier: 'We are very grateful to residents who take pride in their local communities and want to help keep them litter free.'

'Under the Environmental Protection Act, local authorities are responsible for litter collection at the side of the road and we work with BEAR Scotland and Transport

Scotland to try and minimise litter. That people would leave litter anywhere is shameful, but to discard it at our beautiful roadsides is a disgrace. Roadside litter is a particular challenge because of how difficult, dangerous and costly it is to remove.

'Half of the litter on Scotland's roads comes from people eating and drinking in their vehicles, so do the right thing – take it home with you.'

'Members of the public can report concerns on our website at: Looking after your streets (argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by calling 01546 605514.'

Lori, who can be contacted on 01880 740660, added: 'Thank you to the very supportive council bin men who picked up the six bags collected from day one and took their time to speak to me. If anyone wants to support me by donating a litter picker, bin bags or gloves, that would be most useful.'

'Wake up Argyll folk and get picking! Let's work together and get something productive from our daily walks.'

Ferry petition officially launched

An online petition calling for a year-round freight and passenger ferry service between Campbeltown and Ardrossan officially launched on Wednesday.

The appeal was submitted to the Scottish Parliament by South Kintyre councillor Donald Kelly and fellow Argyll First councillor Dougie Philand as a result of ongoing disruption, and the suggested 10-year timescale for a permanent solution, on the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Members of the public have until March 10 to comment on the petition, and councillors Kelly and Philand are asking as many people as possible to show their support, regardless of their political persuasions.

Councillor Kelly said: 'Not only will this provide a much-needed lifeline, it has the potential to benefit the whole of the Argyll and Bute area and beyond.'

The document can be viewed on the following link: www.parliament.scot/gettinginvolved/petitions/campbeltownardrossanferry



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Cemeteries review asks for public input

One in three cemeteries in Argyll and Bute which have lairs available is expected to be full within 10 years, a report has revealed.

The council has started a consultation among residents on a review of cemetery services in the area which involves plans to extend eight of the remaining 64 graveyards which have lairs available.

The eight cemeteries in question are the main ones in Bute, Dunoon, Helensburgh, Lochgilphead, Oban, Islay and Mull, and one will also be identified in Campbeltown and Kintyre. Other proposals featured in the consultation include no new lairs being offered in the 67 cemeteries currently regarded as closed in Argyll and Bute.

Respondents are also asked whether they have a preference on being buried or cremated when they pass away.

It is anticipated that options will take 10 years to implement, and the consultation is open via the council's website until Friday, February 26.

Records show there are

currently just over 8,000 lairs available for sale in Argyll and Bute – 2,687 in Helensburgh and Lomond, 2,360 in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands, 1,942 in Oban, Lorn and the Isles, and 1,035 in Bute and Cowal.

An additional 1,439 have been sold but remain unused more than 70 years later. Over half of those are in Helensburgh and Lomond.

The report also stated that over the next 10 years, the council hopes to have a target of at least 10 years' burial capacity at all open cemeteries.

Development and extension at the other 56 open cemeteries will only stop once all lairs have been filled.

The report added information on the council's hope for community involvement in the upkeep of cemeteries across the region.

As part of a solution to upkeep cemeteries, various Highland councillors and volunteers have been cutting and strimming grass in their local cemeteries which has had 'very positive' community feedback.

Call to safeguard future of fishing

Argyll and Bute Council's leader has called on the secretary of state for Scotland to help safeguard the future of the area's fishing industry, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

Kintyre and the Islands councillor Robin Currie has told Alister Jack MP in a letter that the seafood sector 'desperately' needs government action to secure its survival.

He also said that he had been contacted by 'numerous' constituents with concerns about the industry's sustainability since the UK left the European Union on December 31.

The letter was on the agenda for the Bute and Cowal community planning group on Tuesday, and the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands community planning group on Wednesday.

Councillor Currie said: 'The seafood sector is a vital component of our already-fragile regional economy and the inability, virtually overnight, for producers and processors to get their time-sensitive products to market or to customers.

'If allowed to go unresolved, this sector is likely to disappear badly affecting Argyll and Bute's overall recovery and future growth.

'Fish and shellfish from Argyll and Bute are high quality products of international renown. 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



Argyll and Bute Council's leader Councillor Robin Currie is calling for action to safeguard the future of the area's fishing industry.

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.

'As a council, we are doing all that we can to support these businesses and prevent this imminent disaster.

'Our officers are working

behind the scenes to assist and are in constant discussions with the Scottish Government to reiterate the critical need for the commercial hubs to operate smoothly, ensuring that the right processes are in place to help businesses get their goods to their customers.

'We are also speaking with local producers to help them navigate these new processes and to issue all the necessary paperwork where appropriate, so that some of these valuable products reach buyers.'

He added: 'Most urgently of all, getting products to market must be streamlined, simpli-

fied and sped up. These products need to be prioritised over less time sensitive products with longer shelf lives – if the situation is allowed to persist then very many companies will have no choice but to give up, costing jobs and much-needed revenue to the treasury.

'In addition to improving processes and the speed of delivery here in the UK, these businesses, so vital to Argyll and Bute and Scotland's economic recovery and future success, need your government to negotiate urgently with its counterparts in Europe to identify and resolve the delays in allowing fresh goods to arrive in and then to progress on to customers.

'I cannot state strongly enough that these actions are needed now. More is required, though, in the medium and longer terms, to help this beleaguered industry to get afloat again and regain some buoyancy.'

POLICE FILES

Man assaulted

Police are investigating and appealing for witnesses after a man was assaulted in Longrow, Campbeltown, whilst walking towards Burnbank Street, at about 1pm on Friday January 29.

Crash while overtaking

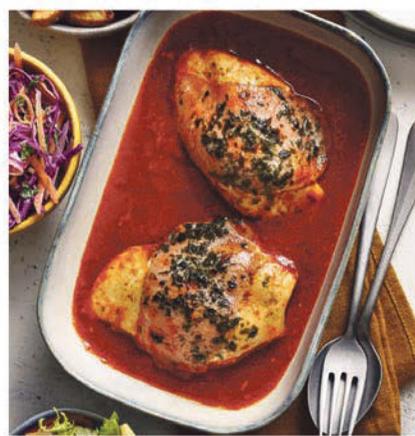
A grey Mercedes car collided with a silver Suzuki

car while carrying out an overtaking manoeuvre on the A83 at Bellochantuy at about 5pm on Sunday January 31. Police attended and the road was closed for about an hour.

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.

Hunter's chicken

The search for your new teatime favourite is over! Smoky bacon and a tangy sauce give chicken breasts a new lease of life in this lip-smacking supper



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- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 chicken stock cube, crumbled
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- 1 tbsp soy sauce/tamari
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 4 smoked back bacon medallions or rashers, visible fat removed
- 4 skinless and boneless chicken breasts
- Chopped parsley, to serve

Method:

1. Pour the diet cola into a medium-size non-stick saucepan over a high heat, bring to the boil and cook until reduced by two-thirds and almost syrupy.
2. Preheat the oven to 200°C/fan 180°C/gas 6.
3. Add the red peppers, garlic, stock cube, passata, soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, balsamic vinegar and 150ml boiling water to the cola. Reduce the heat to medium and bring to a simmer, then cook for 10 minutes or until the peppers are soft, adding a little extra water if needed. Blend until smooth using a stick blender or food processor.
4. Carefully wrap the bacon medallions or rashers around the chicken breasts and arrange them in an ovenproof dish, seam-side down. Pour the sauce all over the chicken and roast for 20-25 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through.
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New measures introduced as vaccines keep rolling out

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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Lockdown in Scotland will continue until 'at least' the end of February, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon announced on Tuesday.

In an update to the Scottish Parliament, she said the number of cases of Covid-19 in Scotland was still too high and that pressure on the NHS remained severe.

However, she said, progress had been made, with daily cases having more than halved and hospital admissions appearing to have peaked.

The announcement followed a meeting of the Scottish Government cabinet that morning.

The first minister said: 'The cabinet decided that the current lockdown, including the "stay at home except for essential purposes" requirement, does need to remain in place at

least until the end of February.'

In terms of pupils returning to school, she said the Scottish Government would look at the 'careful and gradual' return to school from February 22 following the February mid-term break.

She added that dates were still subject to 'continued progress' in suppressing the virus and would be confirmed following a review in a fortnight's time.

It comes as NHS Highland's Covid-19 vaccination programme continues, with 42,755 first-dose vaccinations having been completed as of January 31.

All care home residents, aside from those homes which currently have a Covid-19 outbreak, have been offered their first vaccination with figures showing a 90 per cent uptake rate. GPs, who will be vaccinating the majority of the public, have completed nearly 85 per cent of the over 80s

group, meeting the target with several days to spare.

NHS Highland's focus is also on getting all front line staff their first dose as quickly as possible. As per national guidance, the second dose will be offered 12 weeks following the first vaccination, with plans already being put in place to allow that to happen.

Dr Paul Davidson, deputy medical director for NHS Highland, explained that this was a massive exercise with the expectation that by today, February 5, 10 times more people would have been vaccinated than in December.

Dr Davidson said: 'This is a significant exercise. We are delivering the vaccination across a large and challenging geography, during winter, while simultaneously coordinating variable supply of vaccine products. The challenge really cannot be underestimated but it is thanks to all the staff



The Covid-19 vaccination programme continues across the NHS Highland area.

involved with this programme and the tremendous effort they have put in that we have been able to deliver the vaccine to, as it stands now, 13 per cent of our population.

'Given our remote and rural geography, the majority of the

delivery of vaccine to the public will be coordinated by our GP practices, which are ideally located and experienced to do this, given they support our flu delivery programme so well every year. We will, along with Highland and Argyll and Bute councils, provide any additional resources and support that they need to do this successfully.

'For our staff in more remote and rural areas, the vaccination is being coordinated by local teams. In Inverness, we are currently using the Centre for Health Science as a location for larger scale delivery.'

Dr Davidson explained that one particular challenge was the contact and scheduling of non-NHS front line staff for vaccination.

NHS Highland has a dedicated team in place to support this in the south and mid areas of Highland where the number is largest.

He said: 'We are working our way through the priority groups and you will be asked to attend for your vaccine by your GP practice when it is time for your vaccine. Please don't call them, they will contact you directly for your appointment.'

Dr Davidson added: 'Protection for an individual following vaccination may take weeks to develop and the extent to which vaccination prevents spread of Covid is still unclear. That is why it is so important that, as well as taking up the opportunity to get vaccinated when you are contacted, that we still continue to follow the guidance on how you can keep yourself and others safe. Please follow FACTS: wear a face covering, avoid crowded areas, clean surfaces, keep a two metre distance and, what I would really like to stress, the importance of self-isolating and booking a test if you have symptoms.'

Change to health services is 'inevitable'

Change is inevitable in health services in Argyll and Bute, a councillor has warned, as the area's health board prepares to set its budget for the year.

A consultation process has been launched by the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), asking people in the area to explain their priorities as part of its budget-setting process.

But Argyll and Bute Council's deputy leader, Councillor Gary Mulvaney,

a member of the HSCP's integration joint board (IJB), warned that changes will have to be made because of the effects of Covid-19.

Councillor Mulvaney, Helensburgh Central, who is the council's policy lead for strategic finance, also said the effects of the pandemic were set to be around for 'a considerable period of time' and that a clear forward route must be established by the HSCP.



Councillor Gary Mulvaney.

The consultation is open until Friday February 19, and the IJB will set the HSCP's budget

for the year at its next meeting on Wednesday March 24.

Councillor Mulvaney said: 'We have a reasonable consultation that tries to pick up some of the essential elements of what we are trying to do.'

'It is always difficult in these consultations, because those asking don't necessarily have all the information, while we have as board members.'

'They don't see the budget monitoring strategic plan; they don't see all the var-

ious information we get. Sometimes there is frustration to stop consulting and just to get on and do what we are supposed to.'

'But the responses we get from our communities are good. As board members, we need to be able to set that in context and there are some things in there people will find challenging. That is just where we are - there are things that will be changing and have got to change. One

thing Covid has taught us is that this will be around for a considerable period of time.'

'Things that have come from the pandemic will not just disappear in a matter of months and we have to change how we do things long-term.'

The consultation is available through Argyll and Bute Council's website; visit argyll-bute.gov.uk and click the rotating banner at the top of the homepage.



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We have regular information and updates on our facebook page mid Argyll youth development services.

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

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

Happy lockdown birthday

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 this birthday boy and girl.



Sweeney Cunningham, from Campbeltown, celebrates his 50th birthday on Saturday February 6. He will be spending his lockdown birthday at home with his family with a nice meal and a few drinks and looks forward to celebrating it again once restrictions are lifted.

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.



Maida Walker, from Campbeltown, turns seven tomorrow, Saturday February 6. She will spend the day partying with her mummy, daddy, wee brother William and wee sister Eilidh.

Kintyre drum

by Hannah O'Hanlon
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The meeting of three musical minds in Kintyre has resulted in a hit DJ slot on a London-based radio station.

Shirley Jones, also known as Shirlz, Dean Giles, aka DJ Mung, both from Campbeltown, and Michael Paul Wintle-Brown, aka Malwav, from Carradale -



Shirley Jones, aka Shirlz.

known collaboratively as the Kintyre Collective Kru - broadcast worldwide on Music Galaxy Radio (MGR) on Saturdays from 9pm to 11pm.

The trio, who all independently moved to Kintyre several years ago, share a passion for drum and bass - a genre of electronic music characterised by fast breakbeats with heavy bass and sub-bass lines, sampled sources and synthesizers - and jungle - a music genre that developed out of the UK rave scene and sound system culture in the 1990s.

Shirlz, a record collector for about 35 years, and DJ Mung, who has been DJ-ing and collecting records since 1988, were approached by Behshad Mahjoobi, the radio station's owner, himself a DJ for more than 30 years, to ask if they would be interested in hosting a slot.

The station - which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year - plays various genres of music courtesy of DJs from all over

the world, attracting listeners from 916 cities worldwide.

For the last five years, Shirlz and DJ Mung have shared their record collection with a global audience of drum and bass fans every Saturday night.

'I love many styles of music and my collection is very varied,' said Shirlz, 'but the largest part of my collection is drum and bass/jungle.'

'I have been DJ-ing for 30 years now, mainly inspired by the underground scene'

'My collection also consists of varied music styles but is mostly drum and bass/jungle,' said DJ Mung. 'My influence came from being part of the rave scene which was massive in Coventry, my home city.'

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and bass DJs are radio hit

He added: 'I have been DJ-ing for 30 years now, mainly inspired by the underground scene. I travelled all over to see my favourite DJs play at concerts, raves and parties in fields.'

Shirlz and DJ Mung were amazed to find fellow record collector, producer and drum and bass/jungle DJ Malwav had moved to the area at a similar time.

Malwav has been DJ-ing since the late 1990s, having been 'massively influenced' by the warehouse and basement parties and clubs around Bristol.

'I progressed to having a release as Malevolent Wavelength on Exegene Recordings, an influential drum and bass netlabel, before working as a mix engineer at a recording studio in

Gloucester,' he said. 'It seems like another lifetime ago.'

'Seven years ago, I retrained as a barber and, after relocating to Kintyre, I now run a hair-dressing salon, h'Airds, with my wife Annik in Carradale.'

It was through one of the salon's social media pages that Shirlz and Malwav came to meet each other and he was soon invited to play a monthly guest set on their MGR show.

Malwav explained: 'I noticed that Shirlz was a vinyl record enthusiast like myself and we shared the same taste in music.'

'I was starting to get back into DJ-ing again after giving away most of my record collection before we moved to Kintyre. Being invited to play a monthly guest set revitalised my love of music and gave me the space to be creative within the format.'

Shirlz added: 'From there, the Kintyre Collective Kru was created. We love having Malwav on our show once a month. Moving to Kintyre has definitely been a meeting of musical minds.'

'We also came up with the idea of us playing our collections at an event at h'Airds in Carradale,' she added. 'We loved the idea and definitely wanted to be involved but, sadly, due to Covid restrictions, we had to cancel this year but it's something we hope to revisit in the future.'

DJ Mung said: 'I love that I moved to Kintyre and connected with others who share my music taste.'

Malwav added: 'I love the fact the three of us represent the varied spectrum of drum and bass and jungle. I like to try and take the listener on a journey, creating tension and not always being predictable in my track selection.'

'Kintyre has a wonderful tradition of music and creativity and I feel privileged to be a part of that.'

Visit themusicgalaxyradio.com to tune in to the Kintyre Collective Kru's show on MGR on Saturdays from 9pm to 11pm.



Michael Paul Wintle-Brown, aka Malwav.



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Search on for WWII sailor's Campbeltown relatives

An appeal has been launched to trace the family of a WWII sailor from Campbeltown who stayed with a US Navy family in New York during the war.

Douglas MacArthur, whose address at the time was given as 7 Princes Street, Campbeltown, is one of more than 150 British and Commonwealth servicemen who were welcomed to the home of Fraser and Eleanor Casey and their children during the war.

In what has become known as the Book of Memories, Eleanor recorded the names of all the sailors – who were deployed through the New York Naval Shipyard in Brooklyn – who stayed at the family's home. As well as their names, addresses and the boats on which they served, the file includes anecdotes about the men's characters and photographs, taken by

Eleanor, which will never have been seen by their families.

Some were in New York for training while others enjoyed shore leave while waiting for convoys to assemble before the next trip across the Atlantic.

Eleanor used to write to their families and sent food and clothing parcels to those with young children.

The Book of Memories was almost thrown out when the house was cleared out after Eleanor's death but it was rescued by her daughter Pat, who sent it to Barrie Holden, one of the sailor's sons.

Barrie has managed to trace the families of some of the sailors but has enlisted the help of history and ancestry buffs Gloria Winfield and Nicola Girling to try to locate the rest.

The hand-written record for Douglas MacArthur reads: 'LT/JX177027 Douglas

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MacArthur, c/o Mrs D H MacArthur, 7 Princes Street, Campbeltown. Seaman, HMS Skye.

A photograph from America of sailor Douglas MacArthur, who stayed with the Casey family in New York during the Second World War.

'Five children at home, much older than he appears, likes children, very friendly. Headed for Jamaica.

'Was a fisherman, now a shoe salesman.'

Scored out below the address is another – 'No 1 Roading Place' – which may have been a previous address as it appears Douglas visited the Caseys' house twice – once in May 1943 and again in September 1944.

'We'd love to find his family,' Gloria told the Courier. 'He was married with five children so we're hopeful there will still be family in the area. In 1944, he was headed to Jamaica, where the UK had a Fleet Air Arm base. That in itself is a significant part of his history – not everyone went there.

'When you read about these

men, snippets about their lives and little bits about their personalities, it makes it very personal. They became like members of the Casey family, whose house became like a home from home for them.

'They were given an opportunity to get away from the horrors of going back and forth across the Atlantic with the U-boats picking them off.

'We'd like to post copies of the photographs, which the families will never have seen before, to the men's relatives. We don't ask for any money or anything in return.'

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Why your business must act now to continue trading with Europe

NEW RULES for doing business with Europe are in place and you must act now to continue trading with the continent. The UK Government has already minimised disruption, staggering border control changes. But you must ...

- Make customs declarations when exporting goods to the EU – couriers, freight forwarders or customs agents can help.
- Ensure you have an EORI number starting with GB, check new rules for importing and exporting, and that your goods meet origin rules.

The way we do business with the EU has changed. Many firms are already adapting to the new rules and making plans for the future. If your business has not introduced changes, it is not too late. But you must act now! This is what you need to do.

- If exporting, you need to check the EU business you're exporting to is also ready. If you're due to travel to the EU for work, you may need a visa or work permit.
- If you want to hire from outside the UK, including the EU, you must be a Home Office licenced sponsor under the UK's new points-based immigration system.

MAKE CHANGES

Trading with Europe has changed. So, to avoid disruption to your company's operations, you need to make changes too. Visit the gov.uk/transition site and use the Brexit checker tool to access personalised actions for your company.



HEADING FOR EUROPE: New rules are now in place for trading with the continent.

TEAMWORK IS VITAL

Teamwork is the secret of UK transition success, according to an award-winning Cumbrian family business.

"There are UK Government website resources," confirms Barry Leahey, MD of ninth generation family firm Playdale Playgrounds.

"There's also the Department for International Trade. The CBI has an excellent website, there's lots of assistance on there, as does the IOD and local chambers.

"We've accessed all these great resources to create an action sheet. All the information is out there.

"You've got to do your research but you only have to do it once," continues the business



PLAYDALE PLAYGROUNDS

boss who "sells fun all over the world", his 100-plus workforce supplying 51 countries.

"In the first weeks of January we've got goods on the road. What we're finding is our European partners, who we've prompted, have also been breaking old habits and creating new ones

"I think everything's going smoother than we expected."

'IT'S NOT A HASSLE'

Companies still preparing for the new rules should not "bury their heads in the sand."

"It will sort itself out. You have to deal with things you've never dealt with before. But, once you've put the systems in place, it's not as big a hassle as you think," assures James McGoldrick.

Bradfords successfully supplies luxury hampers, baskets and gift sets to the EU and beyond thanks to following UK Government guidelines.

"The UK Government website was very good, it took you through everything," he confirms, reassuring other operators who must now swiftly follow suit that "these things are all quite quick actually."



BRADFORDS BAKERS

His firm's preparation ensured EU trade is now "incredibly busy" and it is currently operating at an estimated 350% up on last year's trade.

"It helped that we had all our ducks in a row. The UK Government website was very clear on certain things we had to do."

'YOU'RE NOT ALONE'

"We're all in this together" reassures a South Wales company chief whose family firm is successfully trading under the new rules.

Two thirds of Neath-based Naissance's essential oil sales are with "important trading partners" within the EU.

"My advice is don't bury your head in the sand," advises Jem Skelding, who employs over 100 staff.

"We're all trying to figure this out. If you are struggling with it, or finding it difficult, you're not alone, there's help and advice.

"The UK Government website has lots of useful information.

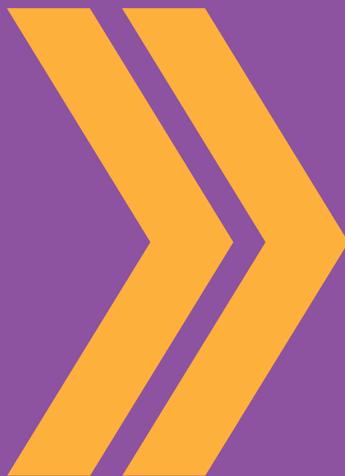
"The light at the end of the tunnel is we're seeing progress, things are improving. Try to see



NAISSANCE

the positives." Jem stresses urgent action from business is required regarding VAT, GDPR, EU workers, duty deferment, terms and conditions, contracts, customs declarations and agents as well as Economic Operators Registration and Identification numbers.

"As things settle down, new opportunities will undoubtedly present themselves."



New rules for business

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Cleaning up our act

As a community, we have found many ways to come together while remaining apart since lockdown began last March.

From online quizzes, cooking and baking challenges, to doorstep claps and bell-ringing, these initiatives have kept us entertained, productive and connected for the last 10 months.

Lori Silvan's litter-picking campaign is another one to add to the list – giving all taking part a common goal as well as a productive way to spend any spare time.

Many people have already joined in by picking up litter from the roadside in their own towns and villages, and are posting photographs on the WAKE UP, CLEAN UP ARGYLL Facebook group to motivate others.

There seems to have been an increase in roadside litter in recent months and, understandably, the council may have other more pressing matters on which to use its resources, but we can all do our bit to help.

As well as picking up litter, if we are able to, we must stress to others the importance of disposing of rubbish responsibly.

Perhaps we need more litter bins in rural areas to discourage anyone tempted to throw their rubbish from their vehicles.

If you decide to do some litter-picking of your own, please take care, and make sure to adhere to all lockdown rules.

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UK now in trade negotiations with those outwith the EU

I am pleased to see my letter in last week's Courier has rattled the cage of the Kintyre secretary of the SNP.

Far from having a brass neck, at least I have not buried my head in the sand like an ostrich!

Perhaps Mr Wilson needs to be reminded that the 'evil' Tories and, in particular, Liz Truss have secured £885 billion of trade agreements with 63 countries just before and since the UK withdrew from our friendly EU.

Had the UK still been tied to EU regulations, this would not have been possible.

Indeed the 'evil' Tories are currently in negotiations with the USA, Australia and New Zealand for trade agreements which again would not have been either allowed or possible if we had been tied to EU regulations.

Had the SNP secured independence, it remains to be seen if the EU would have accepted Scotland into the EU, given the financial deficit it currently endures and continues to do so thanks to the current pandemic.

Perhaps I should remind Mr Wilson it is the UK government that has managed to secure Scottish jobs using the furlough scheme and secured Covid-19 vaccinations for all of the UK which seems to have rattled the EU cage that Mr Wilson also occupies.

I do agree with him, however, had Scotland been an independent country then his submission of being linked to Somalia and Kazakhstan would be near the truth.

Finally, my suggestion to Scottish fishermen was stated in good faith and a possible way out of problems they are experiencing with the EU at present when there was no need to alter the arrangements in place prior to the UK leaving

the EU. Knowing from previous items published by the Courier on behalf of Mr Wilson, this is the only time I intend to respond and will continue to polish my brass neck!

Keith Abendroth, Campbeltown.

Four and a half years to plan for changes in fish market

The vote to leave the EU took place in June 2016, four and half years ago – four and half years in which to start making plans for changes to counter loss or reduction of the existing market for fish products in Europe.

I haven't read of any such plans but, of course, that will be the fault of Westminster; the government there should have found new markets for Scottish fish.

Doubtless, the government in Holyrood, that is perpetually demanding more powers be devolved to it, was far too busy organising Indyref2 to spend time looking after the livelihoods of Scottish fishermen.

It was obvious that concessions had to be made by both sides in any trade deal, post-Brexit, and it was inconceivable the EU would accept any deal that totally blocked EU boats from our waters instantly.

However, Alan Reid and Ron Wilson, it is not bureaucracy on this side of the Channel that is slowing the movement of goods to Europe – that blame lies entirely with a vindictive EU, determined to punish Britain for having the temerity to leave a failing, despotic authority.

Ron Wilson, you claim the time is coming when Scotland will reap the benefits of EU membership.

Can you explain to me how a country with a massive deficit, 8.6 per cent of GDP before the pandemic hit and astronomical now, can even apply for membership, when to qualify a coun-

try has to bring its deficit below three per cent?

Add to that the fact Nicola Sturgeon has affirmed an independent Scotland will retain the pound sterling as currency and EU rules state that a country in monetary union with another country, outside of the EU, cannot under any circumstances join it.

Instead of complaining, give thanks that the people of Scotland are being vaccinated now, not in four months' time at best, had we still been dependent on the EU to supply the vaccines.

Brian Gee, Carradale East.

SNP needs to focus on Covid-19 vaccine strategy

It is being reported, both by opposition MSPs and the national press, that Scotland's vaccine strategy is being outpaced and starting to seriously lag behind the other three UK home nations; and that the SNP has no desire to convene a vaccination task force nor take up the offer of additional British military personnel, to further assist NHS Scotland.

Yet, in this time of national emergency, is it not extraordinary that the SNP, Scotland's devolved administration, has set up a task force to campaign for independence.

Rick Warren wrote in *The Purpose-Driven Life*: 'Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but rather thinking less about yourself.'

Can Scotland's domestic government, the SNP, think less on independence and more on beating Covid-19 and our schools, hospitals and jobs?

Tommy Macpherson, Saddell.

Praise for refuse collectors

The bins on Kilkerran Road were not collected on Friday last so I left the bin as it would normally be collected the following morning,

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even though on a weekend. When midday on Saturday came and went, I checked the council website to find out that a vehicle breakdown was the cause of the non-collection and the bins would be collected when a vehicle was available.

I left the bin out fully expecting it not to be collected before Monday.

To my amazement, at 1.30pm on Saturday afternoon the 'freighter' came trundling along and emptied all the bins along Kilkerran Road.

This is truly remarkable to have the bins collected not only on a Saturday afternoon but on a freezing cold day into the bargain.

These council employees on bin collection, grounds and gardens maintenance deserve every praise and thanks that we the public can bestow. These are the front-line people who keep our town clean and tidy, cemeteries in prime condition and they are often taken for granted.

Next time you see them, take a minute to say thanks. They deserve it and more.

Harvard Davis, Campbeltown.

Thanks to Gigha milk fairy

I have been visited by a Gigha milk 'fairy' - or should it be brownie?

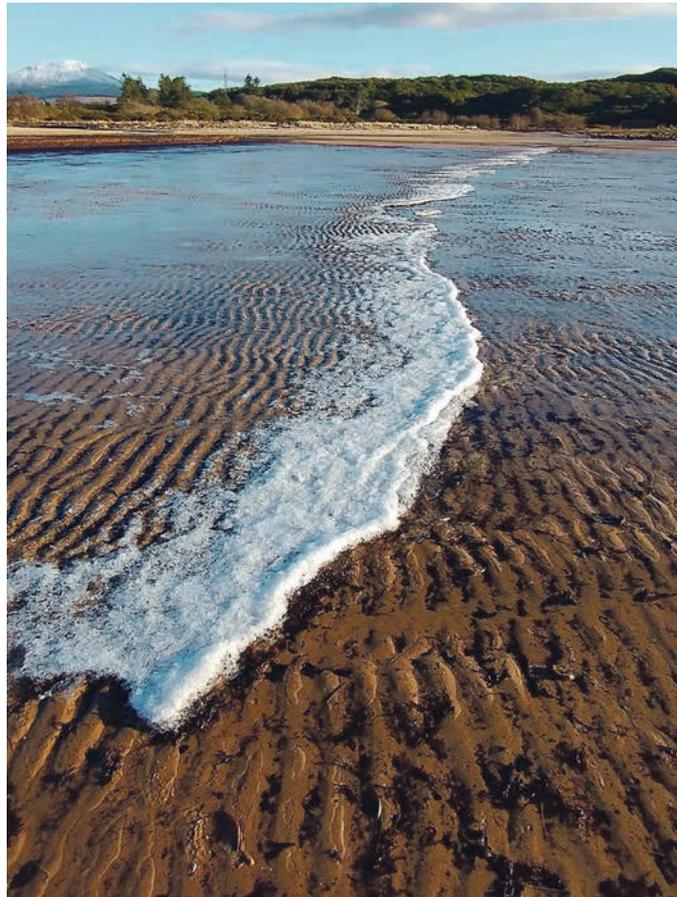
I have been the very appreciative recipient of a large bottle of delicious Wee Isle Dairy milk on a number of occasions. It has appeared as if by magic on my back door step.

I would love to be able to say thank you to the kind person who has thought of me at this time of lockdown and shielding - thank you Gigha milk fairy, you've made me smile!

Name and address supplied.

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PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



You could be mistaken for thinking this photograph shows sea foam washed up on Carradale Beach but it is actually ice, rarely seen on the beaches of Kintyre, which typically enjoys a mild climate thanks to the Gulf Stream.

The photograph was taken by Bruce MacQuarrie from Carradale during the recent cold spell. 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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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 February 4 2011

Gavin ploughs a straight furrow

Gavin Reid emerged overall winner of the Royal Highland Society medal at Kintyre Agricultural Society's ploughing match on Saturday.

The match, in an excellent field at East Drumlemble Farm, by kind permission of the Ralston family, was well attended by spectators and competitors on a perfect day.

The judges were John Ronald, Kevin Smith and Willie Colville. John Reid and Alex Harvey judged the tractors.

Two pairs of horses competed for the first time since 1958.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday February 2 1996

Kinloch Park trees face the chop

A number of historic trees in Campbeltown are facing the axe.

A recent survey of trees belonging to Argyll and Bute District Council has revealed as many as 33 are in poor condition and may need to be felled.

The sycamores at Kinloch Park are amongst the worst hit. The survey, by a private consultant, revealed 11 trees were causing concern.

A number of trees around Kintyre Park have



In 2011: The ploughing match's main winners: Gavin Reid with grandson Ben, Willie Reid, Ian McKendrick with daughter Grace and Thomas Ralston.

also been identified as suffering from internal fungal rot. The other 11 trees causing concern are spread around the town. They include at least two at the council offices in Dell Road. The trees at Kinloch Park have suffered damage to their bark over the years and this is thought to have contributed to the rot.

Councillors were expected to meet officials to discuss the situation on Wednesday. Councillor George McMillan told the Courier: 'It is a great pity about the trees that will have to come down. The trees at Kinloch Park have been there as long as anyone alive can remember.'

The council's policy is to replace any trees which have been felled. Councillor McMillan said he hoped it might be possible to phase the felling over two years.

The trees were planted shortly after the park was created in the early 1880s by infilling the

shallow mudflats between Campbeltown and Dalintober.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday February 4 1971

Quay mishap delays ferry

Western Ferries' Campbeltown-Ireland vessel the Sound of Islay was delayed on Monday when a large articulated lorry slipped while being reversed on board.

The cabin unit of the lorry, which is owned by contractor Mr William McMurchy, was hitched to a trailer loaded with timber. The cabin jack-knifed and damaged the ramp rails on the ferry. No-one was injured.

The lorry, driven by Mr Bruce McMurchy, was

later winched off the Sound of Islay. Operations to free the obstruction were hampered by the state of the tide, which was ebbd at the time. The ferry left for Red Bay on Monday afternoon.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday February 5 1921

District doings - Cour

Dance - What was generally regarded as the final function of the season in this district was held in the recreation hall on the evening of the 29th ultimate and compared favourably with any similar event which preceded it.

Fortified by tact and experience, the committee displayed talent throughout and the programme submitted was varied and interesting. Of special interest among the vocal items was a pleasing rendition of 'Let the rest of the world go by' by Mrs Hendrick, who had a rousing reception, and was the recipient of merited approbation.

The usual visitors were present from distant districts and Tarbert and Torrisdale sent representatives of the 'fair sex' which gave Carradale well-grounded reasons to 'look to its laurels' and it is generally conceded it takes something over the ordinary to occasion that. The catering was in the capable hands of Mr Walker who, with Messrs Cameron and Crichton, rose to the occasion as never before in their respective positions and no laudatory adjectives are required now in Kintyre to describe how Mr Henderson discharges his duties as MC.

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New wildlife officer sets out priorities

Tackling raptor persecution, poaching and hare coursing will be the top priorities for a new specialist cracking down on wildlife crime in Scotland.

As investigative support officer (ISO) for the National Wildlife Crime Unit (NWCU), PC Gavin Ross, who was appointed late last year, will be a source of expertise in wildlife crime at local and national level.

He will work with individual police wildlife liaison officers, non-governmental organisations, the Scottish Government, NatureScot, RSPB, the SSPCA and Scottish Land and Estates.

The position is funded by NatureScot.

PC Ross, formerly the community police officer for Dunbar, has 21 years' police service and an extensive background in wildlife crime issues, community policing, problem solving and educational work.

Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment Ben Macpherson MSP said:

'Wildlife crime is despicable and tackling it has been a long-standing priority for the Scottish Government.

'We work closely with a number of agencies to ensure perpetrators are brought to justice.

'The Animals and Wildlife Act, which recently became law, increases the maximum penalties for the most serious wildlife crimes and extends the time available to Police Scotland to investigate.

'The work of the National Wildlife Crime Unit is hugely valued by communities across Scotland and we are committed to supporting it.

'I look forward to working with PC Ross in the future and congratulate him on his new role.'

PC Ross said: 'When I was in Edinburgh, very early in my service, I became involved in investigating wildlife crime because of my interest and experience in this area.

'I've been a part-time wildlife crime officer throughout my service and the new job is



PC Gavin Ross, investigative support officer for Scotland.

'I am looking forward to settling into the role and working with partner agencies.'

the pinnacle of my career. I worked hard preparing for my interview and was very keen to secure the job, which is a dream post.

initial foundations, especially when we can meet face to face.'

Head of the NWCU Chief Inspector Hubble added: 'I was extremely pleased when PC Ross was appointed as our new Scottish ISO and I am sure he is going to be a valuable asset to policing wildlife crime.'

Andy Turner, NatureScot wildlife crime officer, said: 'Eliminating wildlife crime is a huge priority for us, which is why we've provided funding for this post since 2014. Wildlife crime doesn't just cause irreparable damage to Scotland's nature, it also affects tourism which in turn impacts on the economy.

'We are committed to working with NWCU, Police Scotland and other members of the Partnership for Action Against Wildlife Crime to tackle this challenging issue.

'We worked closely with Gavin's predecessor, Charlie Everitt, to prevent wildlife crime and raise awareness. I look forward to continuing this important work with Gavin and the NWCU.'

NWCU's main role is to assist in the prevention and detection of wildlife crime by obtaining and distributing information from a wide range of organisations and by helping police forces investigate wildlife crimes.

NWCU also produces analysis which highlights local or national threats.

The appointment of PC Ross comes after the retirement of PC Charlie Everitt, who had spent the last 11 years developing the role of Scottish ISO within the National Wildlife Crime Unit.

PC Everitt furthered countless operations, provided expert advice to police wildlife liaison officers and acted as the central point of contact between the police and a vast range of partner agencies.

He was well-known throughout the Scottish wildlife crime arena and his professional knowledge, enthusiasm and willingness to assist were beyond question.

PC Ross recognised he had 'big shoes to fill'.



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Thought for the Week

'Everything in the garden is lovely,' so the saying goes, but do we always take time to appreciate that?

Let's take leaves for instance. There are so many different shapes, colours and textures of leaves. In winter, there is the prickly holly bush. Another evergreen is a camellia whose leaves have a shiny, smooth surface and, of course, there is rosemary with its stems of small, slender, fragrant leaves so valued as a herb in the kitchen.

Perhaps leaves are like people. We can sometimes encounter some prickly characters who leave us taken aback and hurt by their harsh words. On the other hand, some people have a gift for smoothing out difficult situations and whose personalities just seem to shine. Then there are people who at first sight seem insignificant but on getting to know them bring fragrance and blessing. So if everything in the garden is going to be lovely, we need to learn to respect each other and realise we are all different; different in beliefs, colour, personalities and political convictions.

Former Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks described that respect as 'the dignity of difference'. All major religions teach the importance of understanding one another and practising tolerance of different views.

Christianity's great exponent St Paul gave us this advice: 'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.'

So let us strive to make everything in the garden lovely.

David O McEwan, St Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church, Campbeltown.

ISLAY

Port Ellen playing fields project secures £746,223

South Islay Development (SID) has secured a £746,223 grant from the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Fund towards its £1.36m project to redevelop Port Ellen playing fields.

The project plans to breathe new life into the much-loved community space by replacing the old dilapidated pavilion with a new community hub encompassing a café, multi-use function rooms, business/community storage space as well as office space for SID and other organisations.

New parking and an access road are part of the plan as is the relocation of the current play park to nearby the new hub.

The hub will provide a much-needed community facility for the south of Islay and the island as a whole.

Port Ellen has lost a number of its community facilities in recent times. A new-build, fit-for-purpose hub will be used as a meeting place, a thriving place for all ages, groups and clubs to come together in a stunning environment.

SID believes a community hub will play a pivotal role in the area's long-term recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, reaching out to people who require support and connecting them to a range of services to promote individual and community wellbeing.

SID already has £250,000 secured in match funding from Glenmorangie, owners of the nearby Ardbeg Distillery. This existing commitment demonstrates the strong private sector partnerships in place and their support for island communities.

Hamish Torrie, Corporate Social Responsibility director with the Glenmorangie Company, said: 'Glenmorangie Company has been working for many years on the development of this project with SID and the South Islay community.'

'We are delighted SID has secured the funding which will, at last, enable the playing fields project to move to the next stage of its development. The community hub will be vital in sustaining the fabric of south Islay for the future.'

SID now needs to secure a further £350,000 in



Argyle and Bute Council leader Robin Currie has welcomed news of the funding.

match funding to reach its target to deliver the full project. Part of this will be secured through the launch of a community shares initiative within the coming weeks.

The project has been in development for a number of years and is anxiously awaited by the community which has shaped it over the years.

Local development officer Alyson MacGillivray said: 'SID and the community of South Islay have been on a long journey to get to this point. We are so excited to share this very exciting news with our community, particularly after the challenging 12 months we have all endured. Some positive news is just what the community needs at this time.'

SID's chairman John Findlay said: 'This is a fantastic project that will benefit not only South Islay but the whole of the island. It will give the community a real boost, particularly during these challenging times.'

'I would like to take this opportunity to thank the SID staff: Alyson MacGillivray, local development officer; Bonnie Wood, project manager; and Fiona Aitchison, finance and admin officer, for all their hard work on this project and in securing substantial government funding.'

'My thanks also go to the SID board of directors who, through their voluntary roles, have supported the staff every step of the way.'

Robin Currie, leader of Argyle and Bute Council and councillor for the Kintyre and the Islands ward, said: 'This is tremendous news for Port Ellen and Islay.'

'This will be a wonderful and much-needed

facility for the island and my thanks to SID for all its hard work thus far.'

Fellow Kintyre and the Islands councillor Anne Horn added: 'It is fantastic news that SID has been successful in securing a grant from the Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Fund to enable the long-awaited development of the pavilion into a community hub. This will be a fantastic asset for Port Ellen and for the whole island of Islay. Very well done to everyone for their hard work seeing this plan come to fruition.'

SID has been involved in the development of Port Ellen and its surrounding area since 2011.

The organisation was originally established to help address some of the long-term employment and poverty issues in the area and has seen significant success during its time in operation.

A range of capital and revenue projects has been undertaken including development of the only filling station in the area, new motorhome pitches and the harbour pontoons and office in conjunction with partners.

Organisers announce Fèis Ìle 2021 cancellation

Fèis Ìle, a week-long celebration of Scotland's most distillery-packed island with whisky, music, dancing and more, has had to be cancelled for the second year running due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Organisers had their fingers crossed that it would be possible to hold the 2021 event between May 28 and June 5, but that has proved impossible.

In a statement, they said: 'With deep regret we announce that this year's festival is cancelled.'

'Keeping everyone safe is our top priority. Even if travel to Islay is allowed, the ceilidhs, tastings and large events that make the fèis what it is will not be able to take place. We also need to allow for the fact people need to be able to make their plans to travel and stay.'

The dates for 2022 are Friday May 27 to Saturday June 4 and fèis organisers confirmed they would 'be in touch soon about refunds, or transferring to 2022' for those with tickets for this year.

The statement concluded: 'Islay and its businesses would love to welcome you back when restrictions allow. Slàinte mhath.'

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A good show of Hoggets forward for numbers met a similar trade to the last sale, with the overall average for 895 Hoggets sold levelling out at £80.06.

Top price of the day went to W & E Cook, Balcachie for a pen of Texel Hoggets at £108.

Leading Prices:
Store Hoggets per Head - Texel £104 & £102 Bower Park; Continental £100 Bower Park; Beltex X £99 Mosshead; Beltex £98 Craiglaw & Feddans; Suffolk £96 Balcachie; Cross £96 Standingfauld; exel X £95 Loig; Mule £84 Alpin Cottage; BF £78 Allanfauld & Drumardoch
Feeding Ewes per Head:

Texel £78 Bower Park; Cheviot X £70 Lochnell; BF £46 Innieshewan Farms.
United Auctions, Oban, Tuesday January 26: sold 662 sheep of all classes. Hoggs sold to £94.00 for Suffolk Crosses from Barcaldine Home Farm to average £53.06 (+£5.59). 2021 kicked off with a bang at Oban Livestock Centre when averages in all sections of the sale recorded a substantial increase on the corresponding sale last year.

Leading lots & prices: Hoggs - SuffX - £94.00, Barcaldine HF. TexX - £87.00, £77.00, £67.00, Gallanachmore. Chev - £78.00, Strongorm; £76.00, Ardachy; £71.00, Daltote. Cross - £84.00, Ederline Estate; £80.00, Lochnell HF. BF - £70.00, Ormsary Farmers; £64.00, Stroneskar; £63.00, Stroneskar;

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Invitation for farming families to join hit TV documentary series

Farming families in the Highlands and beyond are being offered the chance to take part in a hit BBC documentary on the agricultural lifestyle.

A fourth series of This Farming Life is currently screening on BBC 2 every week at 8pm on Wednesdays.

Such is its popularity, it has now been commissioned for a fifth series, with members of the farming community being asked to get in touch to discuss the possibility of taking part.

A BBC Scotland spokeswoman said: 'I know a lot of farmers in the Inverness and Highlands area are fans of This Farming Life, so this may be of interest. 'The documentary series will



once again follow farming and crofting families over the course of a year and the BBC particularly want to hear from those who have a year of change or challenge ahead.' Any farmers interested

in appearing, or those who know someone who might be perfect for the show, are asked to get in touch with the team via assistant producer Kate Thomson at email: kate.thomson@bbc.co.uk



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Buying or selling? What you can do right now

Life goes on regardless of lockdowns so use this time wisely to get yourself into the best possible position so you are ready for action when the time comes.

House moves cannot be kept on hold forever; up and downsizing plans have to go ahead and so do moves for work or family circumstances. Rest assured - all the players in the property market are working hard to keep things moving.

How on earth do you move house during a pandemic with so many lockdown rules in place?

The Scottish Government says you are: 'strongly advised to postpone at this time, if possible'.

But sometimes staying put is not an option; moves for family circumstances, including finances, and employment, have to take place. The current guidelines from Holyrood say work can be carried out in someone's home for 'the maintenance, upkeep or functioning of the home'

If keeping your home functioning means moving house then do not worry.

People can enter your home, 'to support a home move, for example furniture removal'.

And, 'it is permitted to leave your house for activities in connection with moving home (including viewing a property), or for activities in connection with the essential maintenance, purchase, sale, letting, or rental of residential property that the person owns or is otherwise responsible for'.

But the advice continues: 'You should search for property online and do viewings virtually in the first instance and only physically view a property which you most likely want to move into'.

This is where our estate agents have stepped up to the challenge. Most have expanded their

online presence with video views of properties and the number of photographs of each property has been vastly increased.

Moving house is possible and the market is strong, but don't just take our word for it.

Last week the Financial Times reported that UK property prices rose at their fastest rate since 2016; with a four-year high in November, saying that lockdown lifestyle shifts and government measures boosted property prices in spite of economic slowdown.

The Scottish Property Federation (SPF) is the voice for the property industry in Scotland. Michaela Sullivan MRTPI, who chairs the foundation, is optimistic; she said in the organisation's review at the end of 2020: 'As we move into 2021, We still have some hurdles to face, as the vaccination programme will not be completed overnight, furlough will come to an end, our public finances have been altered beyond all recognition and the potential long-term impacts on how we occupy and use our real estate are not yet understood.'

The Home Owners Alliance reports: 'With demand outstripping supply, it's definitely a 'sellers market' as newly listed homes are being snapped up. This puts sellers in a strong position to negotiate and pick from the best buyers who are able to move quickly.'

Nearly a quarter of those planning to buy their first property say they have been able to save more cash during lockdown, according to research from the Nottingham Building Society. The money saved on commuting and the removal of any temptation to go out for a meal or the treat of a weekend away have all helped boost nest eggs.



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Moving home during a pandemic

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People can move home in all protection levels, and to and from areas with different levels. Property viewings are to be done virtually in the first instance and in taking account of the new strain of the virus it may be advisable to postpone viewings of properties or delay a home move, where this is possible.

Related activities in connection with the purchase, sale, letting or rental of a residential property include:

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- Viewing a residential property to look for a property to buy or rent where necessary
- Preparing a residential property to move in.
- Moving home
- Visiting a residential property to undertake any activities required for the rental or sale of that property.

Although you can leave home for these purposes, you should consider if you can delay these activities where possible.

The Lochaber property market is on the move, with new estate agency at Lochybridge...



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Isuzu has a solid reputation in the UK for providing tough, practical and proficient vehicles. The All-New D-Max inherits Isuzu's unmistakable workhorse DNA, with an even stronger chassis, and adds greater levels of refinement, safety and off-road capabilities.

After a conducting a comprehensive driving appraisal, testing the safety equipment and comparing its specification with the competitors, the esteemed panel were convinced that there was only

one worthy winner and bestowed the coveted title upon the All-New Isuzu D-Max.

The judges were particularly impressed by the new model's comfortable interior, refined driving characteristics, sleek dashboard design and new infotainment systems, which includes a 9-inch touchscreen display on the top-of-the-range model.

Alan Kidd, Editor at 4x4 Magazine, commented: "This D-Max is far more refined to drive on the road. It's smoother and quieter at all speeds, with steering and suspension that disguise its size. Its cabin is a quantum leap forward with cutting-edge electronics mounted on a superb looking dash".

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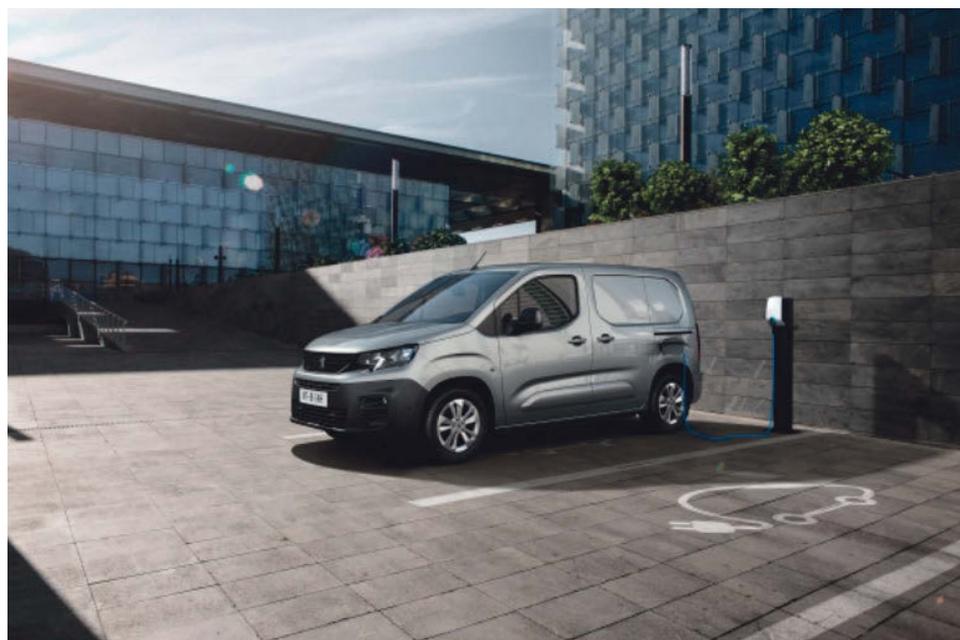
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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
20/02383/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	25 Fernoch Crescent, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8AE
20/02115/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of access	Callibur, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6NX
20/02214/PP	Installation of wall mounted external vent	Flat 1/1, Clydesdale Buildings, Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8NE
20/02380/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and detached garage, installation of private sewage system and associated works	Land South Of Heatherley, Castleton, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute
20/01843/PP	Variation of conditions 2 and 5 of planning permission reference 06/01093/DET (Extension to holiday park to provide 9 additional caravan hardstandings, associated vehicular access, play area and amenity block, and revision of existing site layout and provision of parking area) in relation to occupation of lodges and amended site layout	West Loch Shores, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6YF

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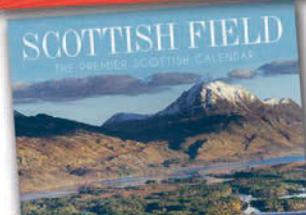
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DEATHS

BRODIE - Peacefully at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on February 1, 2021, Samuel Brown Brodie (Sammy) in his 80th year, 93 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Lucille Brodie, much loved dad of Deborah, Caroline and Danielle and a loving and much loved father-in-law, papa and great papa. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Sammy's funeral will take place on Friday, February 5. The cortege will leave the family home at 1.00 p.m. after a short prayer. We will head along Davaar Avenue, the Roding, Longrow and Aqualibrium Avenue, past the Cross on the way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Sammy may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing. Donations in remembrance of Sammy may be made to the Campbeltown Lifeboat.

MACBRAYNE - Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown on January 23, 2021, with her family by her side Flora Scally Brown, in her 82nd year, formerly of Meadows Avenue, Campbeltown, beloved wife of the late Colin MacBrayne, much loved mum of Jane, Robert, Marie and the late Colin, loving granny and great-granny of Shaun, Jeff, Sophie, Alice, Walter and Murray and a dearly loved sister.

MACPHERSON - Peacefully at the home of her daughter, 23 High Street, Campbeltown, on January 26, 2021, Johan Theresa MacLeod, in her 81st year, formerly of Garvalt, Southend, much loved mum of Iain, Catriona, Heather and Neil, mother-in-law of Eleanor, Steven, Calum and Claire and a loving granny and great-granny.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CAMPBELL - The family of the late Jenny Campbell would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, phone calls and messages of support received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Rev. Hilda Smith for her personal and uplifting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their attentive and caring arrangements; to Morna and Corinna for beautiful floral tributes, and to Craig Lang for his piping tribute. We would like to extend our thanks to all in the local community who turned out to pay their respects to Mum on her final journey from Lochgilphead Parish Church to Achtnabreac Cemetery. She will be sorely missed by many.

CLARK - Bobby, Jane and Caroline would like to thank all family and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received on the sad loss of our dearly loved dad Archie Clark. Special thanks to all of Archie's carers over the years for their excellent care and compassion, the district nurses, doctors and staff at Campbeltown Hospital and Shopper-Aide who all contributed to Archie's care. We would especially like to thank Moira Ramsay and Michaela Brown who we will be forever grateful to for their help and support looking after Archie. Thanks also to Kenneth Blair and team for their guidance and professionalism. Rev William Crossan for his comforting service and lastly to all who lined the route to pay their respects as the cortege passed by.

MAXWELL - James, Sandra and family would like to thank family, friends, neighbours and former colleagues for their sympathy, support, phone calls, cards, flowers and Facebook messages that were received. We would like to say a special heartfelt thanks to the staff of Glenaray ward, the district nurses, the hospital pharmacy and the staff at the top chemist, the staff at the Lorn and Islands hospital for all the care that was provided to Tommy. To all that took time to line the funeral route, thank you. Thank you also to the Key Line store, Ardrishaig and the Salty Dog, Lochgilphead for the service that you have provided during the testing times that we find ourselves in. To Roddy, Fiona and Cammy a heartfelt thanks for making things smooth and

simple. To David Carruthers for a lovely service and Morna for the floral tributes. Finally to the council employees that carried out the pall bearing services at the graveside thank you.

McPHEE - The family of the late Tommy McPhee 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 Stobhill Care Home for all their care and attention, also the Reverend William Crossan for his kind words of comfort at the house and the graveside. Special thanks to Kenneth Blair funeral directors for their excellent service.

THORLEY - Anne, August 7, 1955 - December 29, 2020.



Simon, Robert, Lorna, Jamie, Jude, Lisa, Allan, Callum and Charlie would like to thank all those who offered support and kind expressions of sympathy following our sad loss. We're very grateful to those who were able to join us in person at Daldowie Crematorium, who paid their respects at the roadside in Cathcart and who followed the live stream online. We would sincerely like to thank the Paramedics from Lochgilphead; Dr Phillips and the staff at Mid Argyll Community Hospital; the Coastguard Air Ambulance Crew; the doctors and staff at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital A&E and Critical Care Unit; the Celebrant, Gordon Thomson for his fitting service and Jamie, Linda and Ruairi for their support and the funeral arrangements. A special thank you to Matt and Kirsty for being there then and now. We are proud to say that Anne's wishes to donate her organs meant that they were successfully transplanted to two patients on the waiting list. Thank you to everyone who has donated to Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance in Anne's name, which has so far raised £720. Forever in our hearts.

CHURCH NOTICES

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Pupils' chairman welcomes grant for amateur game

Campbeltown Pupils AFC has welcomed the release of funding from the Scottish Government to the Scottish Football Association (SFA) aimed at protecting the game at all levels and to help clubs survive these unprecedented times, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

The entire grant of £100,000 will be passed on to member clubs in recognition of the negative impact Covid-19 has had at grassroots level, both in terms of finance and the major restrictions on recreational football.

The SFA has agreed the Scottish Amateur Football Association (SAFA) should benefit from the government funding being made available.

Pupils' chairman Alex McKinven told the Courier: 'Like all other sports, football has been hit hard by the on-going pandemic, not only at senior level, but in all grades of the game.'

'Over the last few months we have all searched for any news that could suggest the game was about to start again but unfortunately things have simply gone from bad to worse.'

'The news the Scottish Government has allocated a support package to the SFA,



Campbeltown Pupils AFC in action at Kintyre Park.

and that £100,000 of funding has been passed on to the SAFA for distribution among its members, was met with enthusiasm and gratitude by everyone at amateur level.

'The funding will be passed directly to SAFA member clubs in the form of relief of annual fees and other measures which is good news for winter and summer league clubs and will help kick-start what will now be an admission-free new campaign.'

While the 2020/21 season has been severely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, the SAFA remains confident football will return during the current

2020/21 season and the 2021 summer season.

Like everyone else, it has no idea when exactly that will be due to the ever-changing situation.

However, it hopes these funding decisions will ensure 2021 will be a better year for amateur football as everyone tries to recover from Covid-19.

Improve

SAFA president Stuart Urquhart said: 'We all hope the virus situation will improve quickly in the weeks ahead to allow amateur football to return in all parts of the country.'

'The SAFA would like to thank the SFA and the Scottish

Government for this funding allocation.' Last week, the SFA held extensive consultations with representatives of leagues and clubs affected by the temporary suspension announced on Monday January 11.

This process has been beneficial in understanding the specific challenges faced by clubs at those levels within the men's and women's games, in particular understanding the key components required to allow return to play when it is safe to do so.

Given that current lockdown measures implemented by the First Minister will remain in place across Scotland until at least the end of February, the existing temporary suspension will be extended until midnight on Sunday February 14.

This affects all amateur leagues and leagues with predominantly part-time clubs – although a number of full-time clubs have been affected.

The SFA will continue to work with those affected to develop league and division-specific plans for a return to training and playing on a progressive basis.

A further update will be communicated to the clubs by Wednesday February 10.



From left: Emma Johnston, Abigail McAllister and Jessica McGeachy with their medals at the end of the sponsored walk.

Charity walk raises more than £2,000

Three schoolgirls who walked 10 kilometres around Campbeltown to raise money for fellow youngsters across Scotland have raised more than £2,000.

Jessica McGeachy, Emma Johnston and Abigail McAllister, who are all in primary four at Castlehill Primary School, received £2,350 through their online fundraising page after walking the route of the Mull of Kintyre 10K race on Sunday November 29.

The total, which includes more than £2,000 in sponsorship and donations, was boosted by £172 from Bellochantuy-based Deliciously Scottish Eggs, which donated a portion of the sales of special pink egg boxes to the girls' campaign.

The money will be donated

to Children 1st, a Scottish charity which aims to give every child in Scotland a safe and secure childhood.

'The girls' parents said: 'Thank you to Deliciously Scottish Eggs for its very generous donation.'

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