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# Fire station Covid testing extended to Campbeltown

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Campbeltown's fire station is now one of three in Argyll and Bute being used as a Covid-19 testing centre by the Scottish Government.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon announced on Monday that the fire stations in Campbeltown and Dunoon would join Lochgilphead in being used to test residents for coronavirus.

The move, in partnership with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and effective from Tuesday February 9 comes after successful trials in Lochgilphead and Thurso.

The Scottish Government has also earmarked fire stations in Tarbert, Arrochar, Cove and Rothesay as testing sites and aims for them to become operational by mid-March.

A total of 21 fire stations across the NHS Highland area, with the remaining 17 across the Highland Council area,

are being used. Public Health Minister Mairi Gougeon said: 'I'm pleased to announce the expansion of our fire station testing programme, which will make it far easier for people in these areas to get tested.'

'I am very grateful to the SFRS, Argyll and Bute Council, Highland Council and NHS Highland for their support to make this expansion possible, following the success of our initial trial.'

'The Scottish Government is committed to ensuring people with Covid symptoms can easily access a test no matter where they are in the country and we will continue to work with the UK Government and local partners to improve access to Covid testing in remote and rural areas.'

People living within walking or driving distance of one of the nominated fire stations, who have Covid-19 symptoms, can book a test by calling NHS Highland on 01463 706015.

Those driving to the station can take a test on site them-

selves, leaving it for collection by a courier that day, or they can pick up a test kit for someone else and return it for collection.

Arrochar Fire Station will be used as a pick-up site only, while the remaining six in Argyll and Bute are to be used as small-scale testing sites.

Assistant chief officer Stuart Stevens, director of service delivery for the SFRS, said: 'We are pleased the success of the initial trial in Thurso and Lochgilphead now means that many more fire stations can assist rural communities to access Covid-19 tests closer to home.'

'Our staff have shown a real commitment to providing this service, whilst maintaining a capability to respond to emergencies, and I want to personally thank them for their ongoing efforts.'

'We will continue to support the Scottish Government, our partners and communities wherever possible through this pandemic.'



Life in lockdown during winter can feel a bit bleak at times but there are signs of hope all around us. New life springs up in many forms. Against all the odds, snowdrops bloom in deepest, darkest winter and lambs, including this little one photographed by Kenny Craig at Smerby this week, are taking their first steps outside.



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## POLICE FILES

## Racist behaviour

A 61-year-old man was arrested and charged with behaving in an abusive manner, making racist comments and assaulting a police officer, at about 11am on Thursday February 4, at Castlehill, Campbeltown. A report was sent to the procurator fiscal.

## Tyres slashed

Police are investigating and appealing for witnesses after a car parked outside a house in Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, had two tyres slashed between midnight on Monday February 1 and 11.25am on Tuesday February 2.

## Bail allegation

A 21-year-old woman was arrested at about 6.30pm on Tuesday February 2, in Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, for allegedly breaching bail conditions imposed by the court by being in the company of another woman. A report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

## Drug search

About 7pm on Tuesday February 2, in Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, a 39-year-old woman was searched by police and found to be in possession of what was thought to be LSD. The drugs were sent away for analysis.

## Attempted housebreaking

Police are investigating after the occupant of a house on Texa Crescent, Port Ellen, Islay, was woken at about 3.20am on Friday February 5 by people attempting to gain entry to the property. Entry was not gained and nothing was stolen.

## Some still flouting Covid laws

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Covid restrictions have been largely observed in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands, one of the area's police officers has said.

Sergeant Iain MacNicol also said that coronavirus had not had the same effect in the area as in other parts of the country, but expressed concern that some residents continued to allow others into their homes.

The report was discussed at a meeting of Argyll and Bute Council's Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (MAKI) area committee on Wednesday, February 3.

Argyll and Bute has had one of the lowest figures of

Covid cases per 100,000 of population.

Sergeant MacNicol said: 'Covid impacts on us daily but not to the same extent possibly in MAKI as in other areas.'

'We do receive a relatively low number of calls from members of the public daily highlighting any Covid concerns around properties or people they believe to be involved in Covid breaches and each one is looked at separately.'

'This tends to increase at weekends when people seem more likely to be tempted to socialise. When dealing with these, we obviously have to consider any circumstances that would be exempt from the legislation or guidance, such as essential maintenance



Sergeant Iain MacNicol.

or extended households, for example.

'But there are certain individuals in our community who continue to allow others to come into their houses and socialise, which is a concern.'

He added: 'Strategically, it has been outlined that the police response will follow the four-step escalation principles of engagement, explanation, encouragement and finally enforcement, but there are instances where officers are justified in moving straight to enforcement with the issue of fixed penalty notices.'

'Covid also affects the police response to other incidents and Police Scotland has adjusted its operating model and is now adhering to a policy of 'reduced attendance and appropriate contact'.

'This means we are dealing with more incidents by telephone and other remote models of contact when appropriate, but each call is

risk-assessed and if officers need to attend it goes without saying they will do so.

'Our officers have all been issued with PPE with individually fitted masks as well as the standard surgical type masks and hygiene supplies are readily available.'

'There are designated safe systems of working in place and Covid consideration is given to everything we do to ensure the safety of the public and our officers and staff is maintained as best we can.'

'We continue to work closely with partners to address issues and concerns but on the whole compliance levels are good. Generally it is a positive picture in MAKI and we are obviously hoping this continues.'

## CAMPBELTOWN SHERIFF COURT

## Man admits spit and push offence

A man spat on a woman's face twice during the course of an argument, Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week.

Now reports are being prepared on Neil Johnstone, of 6 Millers Park, Campbeltown, prior to sentencing, at the request of Sheriff Patrick Hughes who said to him: 'This is a serious offence.'

Johnstone, aged 31, admitted spitting and pushing the woman against a wall.

Procurator fiscal depute James Dunbar said Johnstone was at his ex-partner's home visiting his children when an argument began.

'He pinned her against the wall and spat in her face,' he said.

The incident took place at an

address in Campbeltown on November 28 last year.

As he was leaving, Johnstone spat in her face again. Once he had left she contacted the police.

When arrested and charged Johnstone made no reply.

The case will call again on March 4 when Johnstone's plea in mitigation will be heard.

## Speeding to beat roadwork closure

A man who works away from home during the week and only manages to see his family at the weekend was rushing to make it through a closure before road works began, Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week.

It cost him a £900 fine, plus a £40 victim surcharge,

and six points were added to his driving licence. Adrian Christopher Saker, aged 41, of Andrew Paton Way, Hamilton, admitted driving at excessive speed, without due care and attention or consideration for other road users, on the A83 near Clachan on July 5 last year.

Procurator fiscal depute James Dunbar said that police officers measured a speed of 75 miles per hour on the approach to the village for a distance of 234 metres in the 60 miles per hour speed limit.

'There was no sign of braking in the 40 miles per hour limit in the village. Police officers stopped his car,' said the fiscal.

Defence agent Derek Buchanan said that Saker was a key worker keeping premises operating during lockdown, working away in Edinburgh

during the week and only able to see his family at weekends.

On the day in question, he was worried he might not make it to a section of the road before it closed for work to begin.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'This is a wholly unacceptable piece of driving.'

'Unfortunately these road closures are part of life in this part of the world and people must be sure they have enough time built in to their journeys.'

## Police trouble costs man £300

A man under arrest went on to cause more trouble when he was taken to Campbeltown Police Office.

Daniel McSporry, of 7F Hillside Road, Campbeltown, had previously admitted acting

in a threatening and abusive manner by shouting, swearing and struggling with police officers, and uttering homophobic remarks on November 5 last year at Campbeltown Police Office.

Officers had cause to arrest him for another matter and, on arrival at the police office, this incident took place.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes had deferred sentence until last week for reports to be prepared on McSporry.

The court had also been told that McSporry 'struggled with alcohol'.

When he appeared last week, McSporry's defence agent said he had read through the reports with McSporry.

Sheriff Hughes fined the 31-year-old £300 and ordered him to pay a £20 victim surcharge as well.



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# Appeal to Kintyre groups to support ferry petition

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One of the councillors behind the petition calling for a year-round ferry service from Campbeltown to Ardrossan is appealing to all business owners and community groups, as well as members of the public, regardless of their political beliefs, to support the 'once-in-a-lifetime opportunity'.

Councillor Donald Kelly and fellow Argyll First councillor Dougie Philand submitted the petition to the Scottish Parliament in response to the consistent A83 road closures caused by landslips at the Rest and Be Thankful, and the suggested 10-year timescale for a permanent solution.

The document calls for a reliable and affordable ferry service, with road equivalent tariff applied to it, capable of carrying freight, to be introduced from Kintyre to the East Ayrshire coast, all-year round.

'If we want to make this service become a reality, it's vitally important that all businesses, both large and small, as well as community groups and the general public sign the petition,' Councillor Kelly told the Courier. 'This is the best opportunity we have had in my 20 years as a local councillor to make the case for a full-time ferry service.'

'It's imperative that we take



Councillor Donald Kelly is appealing for as many people as possible to sign the ferry petition.

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go and look at a service that would help alleviate the issues that the closure of the Rest and Be Thankful brings.

'While we would like to see this all-year round service in place as soon as possible, we appreciate that due to the area of the New Quay required for timber storage and for the storage of incoming renewables for Kintyre wind farms, some upgrading of the current harbour infrastructure would be required. However, we feel that some temporary measure needs to be looked at which could be put in place to accommodate commercial freight and allow current operations to continue as normal until such an upgrade could commence.'

'All agencies concerned should be able to come together to reach a workable solution. We would ask you all to support and sign the petition.'

Members of the public, business owners and community groups have until March 10 to sign the petition, which can be accessed on the following link: [www.parliament.scot/gettinginvolved/petitions/campbeltownardrossanferry](http://www.parliament.scot/gettinginvolved/petitions/campbeltownardrossanferry)

what could be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and present positive evidence to the government in terms of the number of people and businesses that are willing to support the introduction of this service.'

Councillor Kelly stressed that the campaign was a community issue rather than a political issue, and that as many people as possible needed to pull together to give the campaign the best chance of being successful.

He added that he had written to all MSPs representing Argyll and Bute to ask for their support.

The campaign has already been supported by the Campbeltown Ferry Committee, chaired by South Kintyre councillor John

Armour, which promotes the Campbeltown-to-Ardrossan summer ferry service.

In a statement, the ferry committee said: 'We are happy to support this petition. It mirrors what the Campbeltown Ferry Committee has been aiming for in discussions with Transport Scotland and government officials over the last few years, including the committee delegation that met with the then Transport Minister Derek Mackay to put the case – successfully – for a permanent summer service.'

'Our delegates to the twice yearly Clyde Ferry Stakeholders Group meetings – Anne Horn, Jim Martin and John Armour – at the most recent meeting on December 7, put the question to Transport Scotland officials that they do

## BEAR responds to road condition complaints

BEAR Scotland has responded to complaints about the condition of the A83 between Tarbert and Campbeltown.

The road maintenance and management firm responsible for the upkeep of Scotland's trunk road network on behalf of Transport Scotland said it was aware of 'areas of deterioration' on the road as a result of 'adverse winter weather conditions' in recent weeks.

There have been several reports of burst tyres in Kintyre as a result of drivers being unable to avoid potholes when meeting on-coming vehicles, particularly near Westport, between Glenbarr and Bellochantuy, and at Rhunahaorine and Whitehouse.

A spokesperson for BEAR Scotland said: 'Adverse winter weather conditions – particularly the freeze and thaw cycle

– can have a serious impact on roads leading to the rapid deterioration of road surfaces, and our teams work to repair the worst affected areas as quickly as possible.'

'Routine road maintenance repairs form a large part of our work, and weekly safety inspections are carried out on all trunk roads. Category one defects, such as deep potholes, are recorded, made safe with temporary repairs, and then permanently repaired within 28 days. We're aware of areas of deterioration on the A83 following recent weather conditions and are currently completing detailed assessments to identify a prioritised programme of works.'

To report a specific trunk road defect, call 0800 028 1414, or visit BEAR Scotland's website.

## Safety plea as timber at Beinn Ghuilean set for removal

Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) is asking members of the public to continue to observe safety signs at Beinn Ghuilean despite felling work being completed in January.

The felling work, carried out to tackle the tree disease *Phytophthora ramorum*, was completed last month, on schedule, despite delays arising from the impact of Covid-19.

Although the majority of the felled timber is with processors, around 1,000 tonnes is still stacked at the roadside.

Jo Maclean, FLS's area visitor services manager, said: 'We'd like to thank our visitors for following the signs and keeping themselves – and our contractors – safe. However, even though the felling work

is now finished, most of the safety signage will stay in place a while longer until the timber is taken off site – hopefully by the end of March 2021.'

'There will be a lot of heavy vehicles going in and out of the forest, so it's important that visitors stay out of the way and stick to diversion routes.'

'We would also ask visitors to the forest to follow our biosecurity 'keep it clean' guidance and help limit the spread of this horrible tree disease.'

Access restrictions at Beinn Ghuilean are in place from the Tomaig Road/Narrowfield entrance as well as other locations near the timber stacks and there continues to be no through route or access along this section of the road.



## The Dochas Carer Centre Supporting Unpaid Carers

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

We provide a service to unpaid adult carers across Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles (MAKI). We have three teams: **Support outreach worker team, Qualified counselling team, Volunteer befriending team**

The Outreach/Support Team are maintaining regular contact with carers via telephone. Our team is providing a listening ear during this challenging time and we have been fortunate to receive additional funding to support carers and those they care for with creative solutions to help with their mental and emotional health while in isolation.

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### The Volunteer Befriending Team

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

### Dochas Counselling Team

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

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



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We are providing our child and adolescent counselling services via skype, phone etc, and still open for referrals for any young person feeling isolated or in need of support. Our Young Carers are still being supported by our team across MAKI and again referrals are still being taken.

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

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

**Contact 07788900049 or [fiona@mayds.org.uk](mailto:fiona@mayds.org.uk) [lynn@mayds.org.uk](mailto:lynn@mayds.org.uk)**

## Permanent shop coming to Carradale

Almost two years after opening a temporary shop in a portable cabin in the village hall car park, Carradale Community Trust (CCT) has announced it will soon open a permanent shop after buying Carradale Post Office, writes Hannah O'Hanlon

The trust will be launching Carradale Community Shop and Post Office after a full refurbishment of the building is complete.

A CCT spokesperson said: 'The Carradale community would like to thank everyone who has worked so very hard to make this happen.

'We would not be celebrating without the generous support of funders including the Scottish Land Fund, MOWI, Fern Community Funds,

Abbeyfield Trust, East Kintyre Wind Farm Trust, The National Lottery and the Robertson Trust.

'We are also extremely grateful to the magnificent volunteer manager, staff and supporters of the temporary shop who have kept the community fully supplied during this hugely trying time and have been a reservoir of hope for the future.

'Thanks also go to members of the CCT and East Kintyre Community Council who have persevered in securing a permanent shop, drafting plans for a refurbishment, and delivering the first local development priority of East Kintyre.

'Finally, all of us are enormously grateful to Kenny and Mary Semple who stepped in when our initial plans fell through, generously offered the post office as a location for our shop and will be joining us in the creation of the Carradale Community Shop and Post Office.'

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# Final chance to gain flood resilience grant

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A small number of properties in Campbeltown are eligible to receive grant support to help make them more resilient to flood damage - but there is limited time to claim the funding.

Owners and occupiers at 13 to 27 Lochend Street, 10 to 30 Saddell Street, flats 4 and 6 John Street and 2 to 4 Lady Mary Row were contacted at the end of last year about the possibility of being eligible. However, to take advantage of the funds and improvements on offer, anyone who has not been in touch with Argyll and Bute Council must do so by February 28. This offer, jointly funded by the council and the Scottish Government, is only available now.

The project is part of the overall design for the Flood Protection Scheme (FPS) for

'We don't want people to miss out on this chance to have their homes included in the scheme, so we need to hear from you'

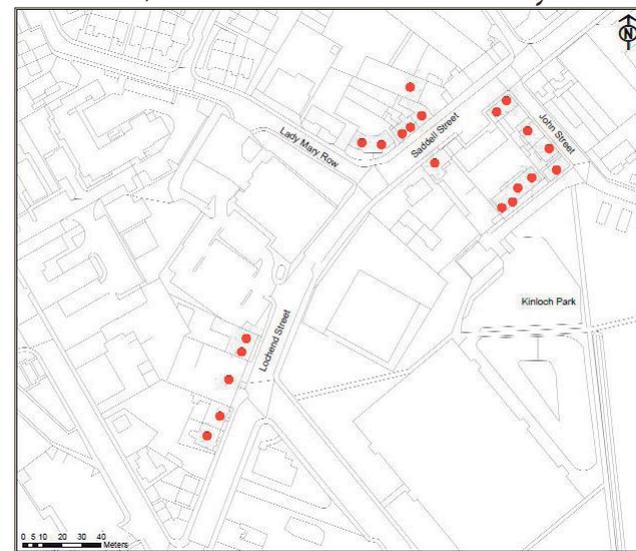
Campbeltown being led by Argyll and Bute Council. The scheme comprises catchment-wide flood mitigation works and property flood resilience (PFR) measures.

A number of properties have been targeted for PFR measures to increase the standard of protection offered by the scheme.

PFR measures are a range of products which can be used to limit water entering property, including barriers on windows and doors; use of non-return valves to prevent backing-up of floodwaters; automatically closing airbricks and small pump systems. Other options are available, all of which aim to reduce flood damage and enhance peace of mind.

Once householders get in touch with the council, they will be contacted by its specialist consultant. Their homes will then be given specialist property surveys to understand how water enters the property and what products are required to limit water ingress.

Councillor Rory Colville, policy lead for roads and infrastructure services, said: 'Normally we would go and



A map showing the properties which may be eligible for flood resilience measures.

knock at doors to talk to householders face-to-face and get them signed up. Unfortunately, that is not possible at the moment.

'We don't want people to miss out on this chance to have their homes included in the scheme, so we need to hear from you now.

'If you live in one of the properties shown on the map, I urge you to get in touch.'

For more information email [Campbeltown.comments.uki@aecom.com](mailto:Campbeltown.comments.uki@aecom.com) or call Aisling McGilloway at engineering firm AECOM on 01313 018600.

Emails can also be sent to [floodingenquiries@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:floodingenquiries@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

More information on Campbeltown FPS is available on the council website at [argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://argyll-bute.gov.uk)

## £300,000 funding to support fishing families in distress

A charity providing emergency support, practical, financial, spiritual and emotional care to members of Scotland's fishing community has been offered access to £300,000.

The money, which will benefit The Fishermen's Mission's welfare work, is part of a £7.75 million Scottish Government package announced by Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism Fergus Ewing and Marine Scotland.

Aimed at helping fishermen, seafood businesses and ports and harbours impacted by Covid-19 and Brexit, the fund will help to support services offered by The Fishermen's Mission, which works with fishermen who are dealing with mounting debts around rent, mortgages and utility bills.

David Dickens, chief execu-



If you are a fisherman in need, Kintyre's port officer Chris Holden is on the other end of the phone.

tive officer of The Fishermen's Mission, said: 'I would like to personally thank Marine Scotland for its support. This fund will be of real help to us. Last year alone it cost us more than £600,000 to provide our services in Scotland, where we have a very strong presence.

'During this exceptionally difficult year, we have already accessed grants totalling

£322,000 in Scotland. I would take this opportunity to say that if you are an active Scottish fisherman and you are struggling to provide for yourself or your family then please get in touch and see if we can support you.'

The Fishermen's Mission is the only UK charity that provides financial, practical and pastoral support to fishermen and their families.

It also provides a 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week emergency response for accidents and emergencies at sea.

Visit [www.fishermensmission.org.uk](http://www.fishermensmission.org.uk), freephone 0800 6341020 or contact one of the regional port officers.

Chris Holden, who is based in Campbeltown and covers Kintyre, Oban and the islands, can be contacted by emailing [kintyre@fishermensmission.org.uk](mailto:kintyre@fishermensmission.org.uk) or calling 07788 674376.

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# Helping economy bounce back

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their CVs and gain invaluable work experience and training. Such schemes have so far supported more than 40,000 people across the UK.

## NEW ENTERPRISE ALLOWANCE

This scheme provides money and support to help those receiving certain benefits to start their own enterprises. For the self-employed, it helps to develop businesses.

## FIRM 'TOOK FLIGHT'

A long-time airline cabin crew member's soft toy enterprise really took off after the pandemic clipped her wings. Julie Britton set up Britton's Bears and Bunting with the help of the UK Government's New Enterprise Allowance.

The Wigan entrepreneur was cabin crew for 21 years and when she was made redundant last March, signed up for a Jobseeker's Allowance.

A machinist after she left school, Julie bought a pattern from eBay and, as her creation was such a success, continued making memory bears from recycled fabrics including old airline uniforms.

She was offered New Enterprise Allowance, referred to a



**TOYS VENTURE:** Julie Britton.

business mentor, and received £65 weekly for 13 weeks then £33 for 13 weeks.

Fashion icons Julien Macdonald and Paul Costelloe, both designers of British Airways uniforms, have praised Julie's work.

"We don't know what the future will bring but my little business is now established and will carry me forward," she added.

## 'IMMENSE' SUPPORT

"Immense" Kickstart support is the toast of a unique scheme, worth £200 million to the Scottish economy, at the former home of Johnnie Walker whisky in Kilmarnock.

An £65 million brownfield urban regeneration of 23 acres will create 1,300 jobs, and the UK Government's support is central to Scotland's first town centre net zero carbon energy scheme.

Marie Macklin CBE, founder and executive chair of enterprise managers HALO Urban Regeneration, welcomed £1.5 million training support for 16 to 24 year-olds on Universal Credit. "The money the training is going to give us allows us to



**HALO:** Marie Macklin CBE.

take on 200 young people – 200 because it was Johnny Walker's 200th anniversary. "The Kickstart Scheme is life-changing in the sense that these areas – not just in Kilmarnock – but some of the most deprived communities in the country are being helped. "We're really trying to put something back. The uptake has been immense."

## 'PROVIDING JOBS'

"Excellent" UK Government Kickstart support has proved just the tonic for an award-winning Welsh distillery. Ellen Wakelam runs "small but ambitious" west coast distillery Welsh Wind, whose spirits include eight prize gins.

"The Kickstart Scheme is an excellent initiative. We're offering local jobs for young people," confirmed the 37 year-old, whose five full-time staff are now developing grain-to-glass whisky with local farmers' barley. "We've been approved for four placements," continued Ellen, who lives near Cardigan. "We teamed up with a training company as our gateway provider to be approved and advertise the places. We think



**WELSH WIND:** Ellen Wakelam.

we can offer young people really good insights into every aspect of the business such as the technical side of distilling as well as bottling, labelling, customer service, marketing and business insight." Added Ellen: "We're really excited to be able to offer new roles that will give people experience and lots of transferable skills."

Despite disruption caused by the coronavirus outbreak, there are still jobs out there to apply for. The jobhelp site from Jobcentre Plus has the latest vacancies, hints and tips on applying for jobs and ideas about roles you may never have thought of. Visit [gov.uk/jobhelp](https://www.gov.uk/jobhelp)



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# Happy lockdown birthday



## Kennzie White

Kennzie White, from Drumlemble, turned 10 on Sunday February 7. He celebrated at home with his brother and sister.

With the country in another strict lockdown, people are 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](mailto: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.



## Christina McMillan

Christina McMillan, from Campbeltown, turned seven on Sunday February 7. She celebrated with her mum, dad and sister Grace.



## Connor Wylie

Connor Wylie, from Campbeltown, will be 14 on Sunday February 14. He will celebrate with his mum Lorraine, dad Paul, sister Courtney and puppy Dexter.



## Hannah MacPhail

Hannah MacPhail, from Southend, turned three yesterday, Thursday February 11. She spent the day celebrating with her mummy and daddy.



## Sonny Brown

Sonny Brown, from Campbeltown, celebrated his fifth birthday on Tuesday February 9. He had a soldier-themed birthday and celebrated with his mum, dad, big brother Graham and wee sister Janna.

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## Charlotte Graham

Charlotte Graham, from Campbeltown, celebrated her first birthday on Wednesday February 10. She had a party at home with her mummy and daddy who decorated the house to make it special.



## Grace McCoubrey

Grace McCoubrey, from Campbeltown, will be six on Sunday February 14. She will celebrate with her mummy, daddy and her little brother Samuel with a weekend of games and a movie night.



## Isabelle Lang

Isabelle Lang, from Campbeltown, turned one on Monday February 8. She spent her birthday dressed like a princess and eating lots of chocolates with her mummy, daddy and sister Lexie-Lou.



## David Mullen

David Mullen, from Campbeltown, will be 49 on Friday February 12. Unfortunately he will be spending it alone as he will be down south working, but he had an early birthday tea on Sunday and will celebrate properly with his family when he gets home. David is pictured with his daughter Amara.



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While this stretch seems hardest of all, we can't relax yet. The virus is still spreading, and we need to keep people safe. The more we stick to the current rules and restrictions now, the less chance the virus has to spread and the sooner we will make it through this.

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## Get behind ferry petition

A petition calling for a year-round ferry service from Campbeltown to Ardrossan garnered 1,000 signatures within a week of going live.

While this is not an insignificant number, the population of Campbeltown alone is nearly 5,000 and a ferry service stands to benefit people throughout Argyll.

The aim is to have road equivalent tariff applied to the service. This is a ferry pricing system that brings the cost of sailings down to match a formula generated by the Scottish Government meaning that, in theory, tickets should cost no more than an equivalent journey on the road.

Aside from the ongoing issues at the Rest and Be Thankful, the A83 suffers its fair share of closures as a result of traffic accidents and weather-related incidents. The road is the only route in and out of Argyll. To have another option could prove life-changing for those of us living in the most remote areas.

Under current restrictions, it is not possible to have paper petitions in shops for people to sign, meaning this petition is available online only. If there is someone elderly or not computer literate in your life, who would like to support the petition but doesn't know how, please help them.

As Councillor Donald Kelly said, this could be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and we need to put forward the best possible case for the service.

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## Gimcrack Imperial fantasies led to present predicament

The response of the Three Brexiteers - Messrs Abendroth, Gee and MacPherson - to my letter last week on the disastrous Tory Brexit epitomises the gimcrack Imperial fantasies that have led to our present predicament.

The Scottish Government's huge vaccine roll-out is not dependent on Westminster's charity. It is being paid for by Scottish taxes and borrowing - over which Scots have no control - on our behalf by the Westminster government.

Virtually every country in the world is borrowing heavily to counter the Covid pandemic and, as an independent country in the EU, Scotland would have access to the EU's solidarity stimulus plan, considerably greater than the UK's. The notion that Scotland, with a mature European economy, is uniquely incapable of tackling our post-Covid challenges tells us more about those who spout these colonial myths than they realise.

Brexit insistence that walking out of the world's largest single market will lead to 'world beating' trade deals is for the birds.

Mr Abendroth's self-lauded Tory deal with the Pacific is small beer compared to the 6.1 per cent hit to Scotland's economy that Brexit brings in its wake.

By contrast, the catastrophic 2007-08 banking crash was three per cent, which we are still paying for with stagnant wages and food banks.

Leaving the EU at the height of the Covid pandemic has been reckless and unforgivable, as is the price that Scotland is expected to pay for Boris Johnson's folly.

Independence is now an urgent imperative to put the sovereign powers of change back into the hands of the Scottish people.

Ron Wilson, secretary, Kintyre SNP.



One of the many landslides on the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful in recent years.

## 'Shocking neglect' of Argyll

The Scottish Government's long-awaited infrastructure investment plan is a big disappointment for Argyll and Bute.

The Rest and Be Thankful only gets one small mention. It is to be 'enhanced' but there are no details and no cash allocated.

In contrast, roads in other parts of Scotland have detailed works planned and money set aside to pay for them.

After 14 years of failed attempts at a solution and six months after a major landslide, Argyll deserves better than a vague election promise to 'enhance' the road.

The only new ferries mentioned are two 100-metre ferries. These are the same two ferries that were promised in the 2015 infrastructure plan, but still lie in a yard, years late and well over budget.

Neither of these ferries is for Argyll and Bute.

All we get is vague promises of a 'long-term plan and investment programme'.

This so-called plan is a shocking neglect of Argyll and Bute.

Councillor Alan Reid, Cowal ward.

## Dilapidated roads and poorly maintained cemeteries

Our dilapidated roads and poorly maintained cemeteries continue to be raised by many of my justifiably concerned and upset constituents, including many members of community councils on the islands and the mainland.

While I understand our roads department is struggling due to local authority budgets being cut by the Scottish Government, much more still needs to be done.

I will, as your councillor, represent your interests and will argue that our hard-working workforce is given every opportunity to exercise its initiative to deal with issues at a local level.

It has been said to me time and time again that we are fast approaching the point of no return and when it comes to our roads, neglecting day-to-day maintenance will end up costing us more in the long-run.

I will continue to lobby day-in and day-out for better infrastructure in my ward.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Kintyre and the Islands.

## Cancer support remains during pandemic

The start of 2021 is proving to be an acutely challenging time for people with cancer, the NHS and for cancer care.

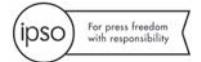
It's clear this is the most worrying time in recent history to get a cancer diagnosis.

At Macmillan, people are calling our support line every day to tell us about the heightened anxiety, loneliness and distress they are feeling.

On our support line - open seven days a week on 08088 080000 - specially trained nurses, counsellors and financial support advisors are

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We know doctors and nurses are working in unspeakably difficult conditions and are having to make tough decisions every day.

Healthcare professionals are doing everything they can to keep cancer care on track.

But we also know some treatment – operations, for example – are being cancelled or postponed because essential services such as intensive care units are full of seriously ill people with Covid-19.

What is absolutely vital is that if there are changes to treatment plans, these must involve the person living with cancer and be communicated clearly.

Although some changes may be needed for treatment plans, this is not the case everywhere or for all treatments or tests.

Healthcare professionals are doing everything they can to make hospitals a safe environment so it's really important people with cancer who have been invited for tests or treatment do attend.

GPs are open if you are worried about possible cancer symptoms and screening and other vital tests have resumed in a Covid-safe way.

The NHS is still here for you.

As well as our support line, comprehensive cancer information and support is available on [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk) and our online community is there to provide invaluable emotional and peer support.

**Gordon McLean, strategic partnership manager in Scotland for Macmillan Cancer Support.**

## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's photograph of colourful camellias was sent in by Nancy Morgans, who was inspired by David O McEwan's recent Thought for the Week column. In the column, Mr McEwan referenced the saying: 'Everything in the garden is lovely,' which inspired Nancy, originally from Campbeltown but now living in Ivybridge in Devon, to take a photograph on Monday of the flowers growing in her garden. If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to [editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk](mailto:editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk) or send it 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.

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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 11 2011

## Storm causes Kintyre disruption

Kintyre was battered by winds gusting up to storm force 10 on the Beaufort scale during the gale last Thursday night.

Control tower staff say readings taken at Campbeltown Airport showed mean wind speeds of 45 to 50 knots and the highest gusts measured 57 kn, or 65 miles per hour.

The Thursday evening scheduled Loganair service from and to Glasgow was cancelled but the service resumed on Friday morning.

The Gigha ferry also lost sailings on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning.

Power supplies were also hit in Tayinloan and Glenbarr with Glenbarr school closed on Friday as a result. Campbeltown Grammar School had some minor storm damage but did not close and the caravan kept in the school grounds and used during outdoor classwork was blown over.

On Monday, winter returned with sleet and snow at Tayinloan and on higher ground around Kintyre.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday February 9 1996

## Shipyard wins £1.5m contract

Campbeltown Shipyard has netted a £1.5 million order which will safeguard the jobs of all its workers for most of 1996.



An advert from 1926. Does anyone remember the Neil Munro story about Para Handy and the bridescake in the window of a Campbeltown bakers? Perhaps it was James C McMurchy's.

Campbeltown Shipyard Ltd this week signed a contract to design and build a new trawler for the Fraserburgh-based Steadfast Fishing Company. The contract is for a 25-metre trawler with the latest electronic equipment.

Building work will start at the Trench Point yard later this month. The vessel will be finished in October at Buckie Shipyard in Grampian, which was acquired by Campbeltown Shipyard's parent company Lithgows Ltd last year. The vessel will be the first to benefit from Lithgows' new shipbuilding system which integrates computer-aided design and manufacturing at Campbeltown with Buckie Shipyard's finishing craftsmanship.

Steadfast Fishing Company's senior partner Mr Sandy West said: 'I am delighted that in spite of the severe competition during tendering for this work that not only were we able to place

this contract with a Scottish yard, but that it should be the combined Lithgows' yards – thus enabling us to benefit from their long tradition of excellence in shipbuilding and marine engineering.'

Managing director of Lithgows Ltd Mr Hugh Currie said the order was a further endorsement of the Campbeltown and Buckie yards' reputation for quality.

He said: 'The new contract will ensure ongoing employment for our existing workforce for the year ahead.'

## RAF confirms base pull out

The RAF is to pull out of Machrihanish at the end of March with the loss of 18 civilian jobs – but the air ambulance and service flights to Glasgow will continue.

The Ministry of Defence announced on Wednesday that the last servicemen at the base were to pull out within seven weeks. All 18 civilian workers at the base will lose their jobs as a result. Since April 1994, the base has been operating on a care and maintenance basis only.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday February 11 1971

## Lunch ban 'unfair' – parents

A large number of Campbeltown Grammar School pupils were last week turned away from the school's dining hall as a punishment for unruly conduct in the queue outside the canteen door. It is understood that 20 to 30 pupils had to

go without lunch – many of whom were from county districts.

And the lunch ban has brought reaction from several quarters.

A Courier reporter talked to some of the children who were refused lunch and he was told there were genuinely innocent children in the group turned away.

The reporter then questioned a number of parents whose children were among those denied a meal. Only one agreed with the teacher in charge's decision. The rector later endorsed this decision.

But the remainder felt it was all rather unfair of the school authorities to refuse such a large number of children their lunch.

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday February 12 1926

## Sparks and flashes

The period of the Clyde 'fortnight' has been fixed a week earlier this year. The regattas take place from June 24 to July 5.



A mass meeting of local ex-servicemen is to be held shortly to decide what is to be done with a grant which has been received from the United Services Fund.



A special meeting of Court Argyll AOF will be held in the Christian Institute on Monday evening to consider additional benefits under the National Health Insurance scheme.

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*Tony Covid-19 patient*

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# Memories of lost weigh house

All that remains of the weigh house which once sat at the bottom of Campbeltown's Main Street are photographs, including those on this page, and memories like those shared in the following poem by Mary Milloy.

Information about the weigh house appears hard to come by but it is still fondly remembered by many today and even got a mention in Duncan Brown's booklet *Boyhood Memories of the Wee Toon*, published last year.

Duncan wrote: 'At the head of the quay was the weigh house - known as the 'Weeuss' - which was there to weigh certain incoming and outgoing cargoes from the pier.

'It was also a gathering place for old friends, especially ex-fishermen, to meet and blather about the old days.'

The building played an important role in Wee Toon life and was used in November 1918 to share news of the armistice that ended World War I.

A Courier report from the time read: 'A wireless message was the first medium through which the great news came and it was at once made known ashore, a copy of the telegram being sent to Mr Ross Wallace at the Steamboat Office.

'There was a rush for the pierhead where the welcome announcement 'Armistice signed. Hostilities suspended' was displayed on the weigh house window after Mr A Ollar had read it to the assembled throng.

'Having got the authentic information, the joyous crowd hurried away in all directions,

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spreading the joyful sound of victory and approaching peace as they went.

'The outlying districts quickly learned the heartening intelligence and there was general rejoicing.'

In her poem about the weigh house, written in the Campbeltown vernacular, Mary mentions an activist named 'Jack', who was Jack McKinven, a Saddell Street shopkeeper, who tried in vain to keep the weigh house open.



The weigh house, at the centre of this image, was a gathering point for old friends, above.

### Campbeltown's 'eyesore'

Remember the weigh hoose that stood doon by the pier,  
Everyone was happy, they all had plenty beer,  
And they sang together, everybody of good cheer,  
Doon at the weigh hoose that stood doon by the pier.  
Now doon at the weigh hoose the wine used to flow,  
Till the councillors announced that it had to go.  
Twas like the toll of death to 'Borax' and 'Ding Dong',  
But their hopes were brightened when Jack came along.  
Roon the streets he tramped, getting everyone to sign,  
'Save the weigh hoose' was the plea on every line.  
But his gallant efforts were all in vain,  
And we'll never see the weigh hoose again.  
Nae place left for a poor drunk tae go,  
You see them stottering and staggering up the Longrow.  
Nobody cares how often they fall,  
Oh, for the days they leaned against the weigh hoose wall.  
So, God rest the weigh hoose, ye didna dae much herm,  
Except to maybe cultivate the odd million germ.  
Farewell to you, weigh hoose, we'll see you no more,  
The councillors have got rid of 'Campbeltown's eyesore'.

By Mary Milloy.

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## Thought for the Week

Zoom and other platforms have undeniably opened up a wonderful opportunity over the past year, helping many people to combat loneliness and isolation and keep connected.

But these same platforms have placed a huge pressure on others. Teachers, younger and older students, those working from home and whole families are expected to cope with, juggle with and even pay for all of this.

Life is increasingly stressful and all the usual leisure and social activities are not accessible.

Yet we all know the rhythm of life has to have an ebb and flow if it is to stand any chance of remaining healthy. Currently, it can be a real challenge to be 'at ease' when so much of life feels out of control.

For many, faith is the one factor that makes a crucial difference in these times. It changes the focus and reminds us that even in these times our God is faithful and loves us.

In Matthew's Gospel (11:28) Jesus says: 'Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.'

In the Book of Jeremiah (6:16) God reminds us to take time to stop and look: 'This is what the Lord says: 'Stop at the crossroads and look around. Ask for the old, godly way, and walk in it. Travel its path, and you will find rest for your souls.'

The words are ancient and are taken from an ancient book. And yet they are all that we need.

Even on the busiest, most stressful, loneliest or saddest of days we face, living by this way can bring an amazingly deep sense of rest, peace and hope.

**Reverend Christine Fulcher, parish assistant, South Kintyre Team Ministry.**

## GIGHA AND ISLAY

### Shops awarded funding for single-use packaging

A new shopping scheme aimed at dramatically reducing waste from single-use items on Scotland's islands has awarded more than £250,000 to 20 retailers, including one each on Gigha and Islay.

Grants provided by the Scottish Government and the European Regional Development Fund will allow shops from 12 Scottish islands to take the next steps in the war on waste by introducing shoppers to more reusable options.

In addition to seeing waste frequently washing up on the shores around them, island communities bear the double burden of dealing with imported single-use items then shipping off the waste.

The Islands Green Recovery Programme (IGRP) Refill Fund will provide dispensing and other equipment that enables customers to obtain grocery products in reusable containers brought from home.

Western Isles retailers benefiting from the funding include: Ardmish Stores, Gigha; Campbells of Islay Limited; Essence of Harris; Sandwick Bay Candles Limited, Stornoway; Carbost Community Shop CIC, Rankins Supermarket, The Selkie Collective, Slea Community Trading Company Limited, Armadale Stores, Glendale Shop and PO, all Isle of Skye; Raasay Community Stores; Isle of Eigg Shop; Bùth Bharraigh, Isle of Barra; Lismore Stores; Isle of Arran Brewery; Arran Ice Cream and Taste of Arran.

Joe Teale, proprietor of Ardmish Stores, said: 'We are very pleased to have received the IGRP funding. It will allow us to create a dispensing area for a range of dried food, oils and vinegar.'

'We have no access to blue bin pick-ups on Gigha so our recycling goes out in plastic bags which often get blown around and create even more mess. If we can help even a little bit to lessen the amount of plastic used, we will. This will add to community efforts to reduce the large amount of single-use plastic.'

The scheme is part of a £2 million programme to inspire locally-led green projects as part of the recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.



Ardmish Stores on Gigha is one of shops to benefit from the reducing waste fund.

The IGRP Refill Fund is part of Zero Waste Scotland's Resource Efficient Circular Economy Accelerator Programme, which will invest £73 million in the circular economy and resource efficiency projects thanks to support from the European Regional Development Fund.

## ISLAY

### Primary school to get £250,000 makeover

An Islay primary school is awaiting a makeover after council planning chiefs backed a proposed new building.

Port Charlotte Primary School is the subject of plans worth about £250,000 to demolish a building and construct a replacement extension, as well as other work.

Argyll and Bute Council is behind the application. Because of the nature of the plans, it is listed under community planning and development.

No objections have been raised by the public and the authority declared last week that it had no concerns about the proposal either.

A council planning officer said: 'The school and its grounds are within the key rural settle-

ment of Port Charlotte and its conservation area as both are defined in the Local Development Plan [LDP]. Policy LDP DM1 gives encouragement to development up to a medium scale on an appropriate site.

'As the site is already for educational use, the site is appropriate.'

'The smaller building to the rear of the site is to be taken down/demolished and a method statement to inform the detailed plans for this work is included with the received drawings.'

'The main building to the south of the 0.3-hectare site will receive internal modifications and access and roof alterations. Extension of the envelope of the building will be minimal and will retain the overall footprint around the 600-square-metre mark as required of a medium-sized development.'

'The site has limited visibility within the conservation area and the materials are not deemed to be out of character with the streetscape or significant local buildings.'

The officer concluded: 'By reason of relatively small-scale and non-invasive nature within the curtilage of the school and to the rear of the main building, it is considered that the proposed development does not give rise to any issues which would require prior approval.'

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# Youngsters walk 1,000 miles in support of Doddie AID

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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A group of Kintyre schoolchildren have walked an incredible 1,000 miles in a month to raise money for former Scottish rugby union player Doddie Weir's motor neurone disease (MND) charity.

Mia McConnachie, Finlay Blair, Hannah McLellan, Grace McCoubrey, Thomas Robertson, Jack and Archie Reid, Kurt and Kahlan Smiley, James McLean and Harry Martin, who range in age from four to 10, donned their walking shoes to take part in the Doddie Active Inter-District (AID) challenge.

The mass-participation exercise event, which began on January 1 and ended with Scotland's historic Calcutta Cup win over England at Twickenham last Saturday, pitted five teams – The South, Edinburgh, Glasgow, North and Midlands and Scottish Exiles, the old Scottish inter-district rugby union

championship teams – against each other to rack up the most miles.

The aim was to support Doddie, who launched the My Name's Doddie Foundation in 2017 in his quest to further research into more effective treatments for MND, from which he suffers.

Participants, who were given Doddie-branded snoods when they signed up, were asked to log any exercise they took – from walking and running to ski-ing, sailing and horse riding – with their miles going towards their district's total.

**'They are made of good stuff getting those miles in.'**

The Kintyre contingent completed 1,047 miles.

The youngsters, who are pupils of either Dalintober Primary School or Glenbarr Primary School, had already been enjoying the great outdoors during daily walks with

their parents and realised they could make their miles count for the North and Midlands team, which finished in first place with a total of 665,589.2 miles completed.

The South came in second with 494,738.3 miles, followed by Edinburgh with 369,484.9 miles, Scottish Exiles with 318,396.4 miles and Glasgow with 285,050.3 miles.

The children's parents said: 'We are all very proud of them. They are made of good stuff getting all those miles in while exploring our area in lockdown.'

'They even roped Caroline Armour, head teacher of both Dalintober and Glenbarr primaries, into taking part in the challenge.'

The children's parents set up a JustGiving page so people could sponsor them, with all proceeds being donated to the My Name's Doddie Foundation.

When the Courier went to print, the total raised was £720, but the page will remain



Hannah McLellan.



James McLean and Harry Martin.

open for donations until the end of February.

#### Sledges

Their fund was boosted thanks to Alan Preston from Catani hardware store in

Glasgow, who donated sledges for Finlay to sell, with all money made being added to their JustGiving total.

'They did great with their fundraising,' their parents

added. 'We were happy to support them.' To make a donation to the children's fundraising page, search online for Wee Toon mini trekkers on [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com)



Kahlan Smiley.



Kurt Smiley.



Mia McConnachie.



Grace McCoubrey.



Finlay Blair.

## Beatson's thanks to haircut hero Neil



Glenbarr sheep farmer Neil MacPhail has received a certificate of thanks from the Beatson Cancer Charity after donating the £3,500 he received in sponsorship for having his luscious long locks sheared.

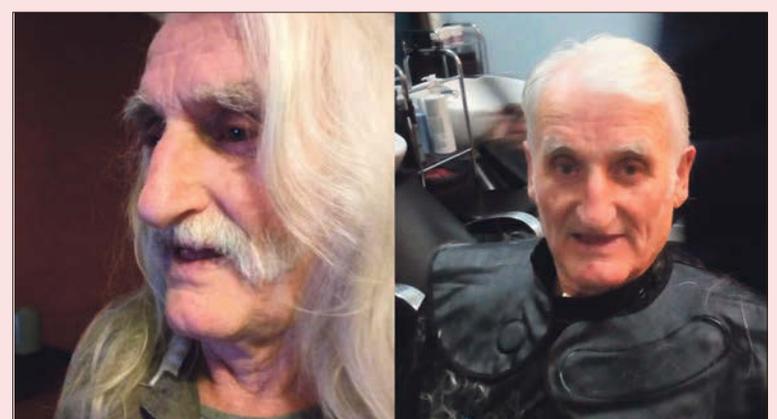
Neil, aged 80, from Skernish Farm, had his hair, which grew half-way down his back, cut by his niece Iona MacPhail from Hair By Iona in December.

He had been letting it grow since 2017 after fearing he would lose it as he underwent treatment but decided to have it cut to repay the

'first-class care' he received at the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre.

He was reluctant to face the chop having grown 'immensely proud' of his long locks, but felt the opportunity to raise vital funds for the specialist cancer care centre in Glasgow was worth his anguish.

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## Agricultural society's events impacted by Covid restrictions

Kintyre Agricultural Society directors have decided this year's dinner and whist cannot take place because of Covid-19 guidelines.

The group's annual ploughing match, scheduled for the first week in March, has also been cancelled, although directors will consider holding the competition in the autumn or early winter, if guidelines allow. A decision on the August show taking place will be made before the end of May. If the show is not able to go ahead, a virtual show will take place instead, meaning anyone with stock they had intended showing can still do so. A society spokesperson said: 'We will

update you as soon as we make a firm decision on the rest of the year's events.'

Office bearers and directors for 2020-21 are: president: Malcolm Ronald; senior vice president: Callum MacPhail; junior vice president: Iain McKendrick; directors: Drew McKendrick, Colin McCallum, Archie Johnston, Beth McEachran, Stuart Herraty, John Bateman, John Pirie, Michael Mayberry, Andrew Barbour and Harry Gemmill; secretary and treasurer: John Armour.

The president, vice presidents and directors hope everyone keeps safe and well during these difficult times.

# Fresh warning to dog owners

After a fall in reported incidents of livestock worrying to Police Scotland last year, a spate of attacks in 2021 – including one on sheep on Davaar Island on Monday – has sparked fresh warnings to those visiting the countryside to keep their pets under control.

A new survey of dog owners commissioned by NFU Mutual reveals 64 per cent of dog owners allow their pets to roam free in the countryside, despite half of owners surveyed admitting their dog doesn't always come back when called.

The research revealed that 42 per cent of dog owners have been walking their pets more often in the countryside during the pandemic and that 81 per cent of survey respondents have noticed more

people exercising their pets in rural areas. In Scotland, a joint campaign to tackle livestock attacks by dogs has resulted in the number of attacks reported to Police Scotland decreasing by 13 per cent in 2020.

Mark McBrearty, regional manager for Scotland at NFU Mutual, said: 'We are encouraged by the decrease in Scotland last year and it is a testament to the proactive work which has been led by police and farming groups.'

'However, horrific incidents continue to cause unbearable suffering to farm animals as well as huge anxiety for farmers and their families.'

'With more people walking in the countryside as Covid restrictions continue and an increase in dog ownership, we



**The distress and exhaustion of being chased by dogs, even if there is no physical contact, can cause sheep to die or miscarry their lambs.**

have seen many more brutal attacks resulting in large numbers of sheep being killed and a trail of horrific injuries.

'It's a critical time in the farming calendar and there is widespread concern as we

enter the peak lambing season that there will be a surge in new visitors who are unaware of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code or how their dog will behave around farm animals.

'It's vital dog owners act responsibly and keep dogs on a lead and under control whenever there is a possibility livestock are nearby.'

Police Inspector Alan Dron, National Rural Crime co-ordinator, said: 'Through consistently raising awareness of this emotive offence, Police Scotland takes any report of livestock attacks or worrying seriously.'

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Dear Readers,

What a difference a year makes. In 2020 we wrote for Valentine's Day . . .

'Amidst all the champagne, chocolate and flowers and the masses of cards sent and received remember that one of the greatest gifts you can give is some time; when you step out of your busy working lives, families, school runs, ferrying children to and from sports and clubs.'

This year some of us have more time on our hands than we know what to do with. Others are finding that what they thought was a frantic life of school runs and commutes was as nothing compared to working from home with toddlers who are usually in nursery and supervising home schooling as well.

And some are finding that being in lockdown, cooped up together, has begun to make things fray a little at the edges.

So let us all make St Valentine's Day 2021 a day to re-set and celebrate our relationships; a day of loving each other and remembering and honouring what is good about each other.

Together you make a great team.

One thing is for sure, it is going to be a quiet night in.

Do you remember the glamorous you? Don't worry you

are still there, you just might be buried under a year of lockdown worries and woes.

So put your glad rags on - reach for your finery and make sure you look sharp.

PJs, trackie bottoms and 'loungewear' are not going to cut it. Step away from the trainers and into the high heels and polished dress shoes. Get out the lipstick, perfume, aftershave and gentlemen - get the lockdown beards under control.

It is also one occasion when it is OK to bribe the kids to be quiet, go to bed early and stay there; or for older ones to 'babysit'.

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- 5 slices Parma ham or prosciutto, each sliced into 4 long strips
- 400g cherry tomatoes on the vine
- 4 skinless and boneless chicken breasts
- 2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley, to serve



### Method

1. Preheat your oven to 220°C/fan 200°C/gas 7.
2. Spread the potatoes out on a large non-stick baking tray in a single layer. Spray with low-calorie cooking spray and season lightly. Bake for 15-20 minutes, turning halfway.
3. Meanwhile, wrap each asparagus spear in a strip of ham. Place on a large, non-stick baking tray with the tomatoes. Bake above the potatoes for 8-10 minutes, or until just tender.

4. While the asparagus is cooking, one by one, place the chicken breasts between cling film and flatten to about 0.5cm thick using a rolling pin, and season lightly. Preheat a non-stick griddle or frying pan. When hot, add the chicken and cook for 5-6 minutes on each side, or until cooked through.
5. To serve, slice the chicken, then divide between 4 plates with the tomatoes and 5 asparagus spears per person. Drizzle over the vinegar and season with freshly ground black pepper. Serve with the potatoes topped with parsley.



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- 200g plain quark
- 175g drained black cherries in natural juice



### Method

1. Preheat your oven to 180°C/fan 160°C/gas 4. Line a 30 x 20cm Swiss roll tin with baking parchment.
2. Whisk together the egg yolks, sugar and 5 tablespoons sweetener until thick and pale. Sift in the cocoa, then fold together using a metal spoon.
3. Whisk the egg whites in a separate bowl until just stiff and fold into the egg yolk mixture. Spoon this mixture into the prepared tin and bake for around 15 minutes, or until set and springy to the touch. Leave to cool in the tin.
4. Place a large sheet of baking parchment on a work surface. Turn the sponge out onto it, peeling away the lining paper.

5. Whisk the fromage frais with the quark and the remaining sweetener and spread evenly over the sponge. Scatter the cherries over the surface.
  6. Lift one end of the parchment and roll up the sponge, using the paper to help (don't worry if the sponge cracks; that's the nature of a roulade).
  7. Place the roulade, seam-side down, on a platter and chill for around 2 hours. Dust lightly with cocoa powder and cut into 8 slices to serve.
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BUCHANAN

Peacefully at home, Eilean, 4 Kintyre Gardens, Campbeltown, on February 7, 2021, Thelma McLellan, in her 80th year, beloved wife of Innes Buchanan, much loved mum of Elaine, loving granny of David and Mark, great-granny of Lee, Eleya, Alexis, Zac and Avery. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Thelma's funeral will take place on Friday, February 12. The cortege will leave the family home at 1.00pm after a short prayer. We will head down Ralston Road, Main Street, past the Cross on the way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Thelma may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

**JACKSON** - Peacefully at Etive Care Home, Benderloch, on February 6, 2021, Hazel Lucy Jackson, née Kirk, in her 87th year. Late of Birkhill, Lochgair. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Gordon Jackson; dearly loved mother of Helen, Nicholas and Adrian. A good neighbour and dear friend. A private funeral service will be held on Monday, February 15, 2021, at Kilevin Cemetery, Crarae.

**TURNER** - Peacefully at home, Chiskan House, Campbeltown, on February 4, 2021, Margaret Howieson Duncan M.B.E. in

her 92nd year, formerly of Flatterton Farm, Greenock and High Balevain Farm, Campbeltown, beloved wife of the late David Turner, loving mother of Robert, William and David, mother-in-law of Susan and Margo, proud grandmother to Emma, Matthew, Gary, Charles, Ruth and Fraser and great-grandmother to Isla and Anna.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**MACBRAYNE** - Flora, Jane, Robert and Marie would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes, and also thank those who paid their respects to Flora along the funeral route. Many thanks also to Kintyre Care Home staff who looked after mum. Thank you to T A Blair's for their caring and professional services and our sincere thanks to Rev Chris Holden for a touching service.

IN MEMORIAM

**BROWN** - In ever loving memory of our daughter and sister Sharon Fiona, who was sadly taken from us on February 12, 1993. We miss and think of you every day.  
- Love always Mum, Dad, sister and brothers.

**CAMPBELL** - Bunty, passed away February 14, 2009.

Sadly missed but not forgotten.  
- Ivor, Shauna, Robert and great-grandchildren.

**MACAULAY** - In loving memory of a dear brother

and uncle, Alec, who died February 6, 2019.

Along the road of memories that leads us back to you  
Are thoughts of us together and the happy times we knew.  
- Julie and Chloe xx

**MACFARLANE** - On St Valentine's Day 2018, Winnie Isabella Wilson of Thornliebank, Glasgow, cherished wife of Dugald passed away. Never to be forgotten.

**MACNICOL** - In loving memory of Campbell, who died February 14, 1972.

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- Hamish and families.

**MARTIN** - Lena, died February 14, 2006.

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You are always in our hearts and will be until we meet again.

- Caroline, John and families.

**SARGENT** - Treasured memories of a dearly loved dad and papa, Roger, taken from us on February 17, 2019.

To lose you was a bitter wrench,  
The pain cut to our core,  
We cried until our tears ran out,  
And then we cried some more.

Miss you more than words can say.

- Senga, Billy and family, Roger, Heather and family.

CHURCH NOTICES

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace." Numbers 6 verses 24-26  
Our building will be closed for the next two weeks BUT you are welcome to join our online Praise and Worship Zoom Service on Sunday, 14th February 2021 at 11am when Rod Sharp from USA will bring the message.

To join us online send your email address to [officespringbankchurch@gmail.com](mailto:officespringbankchurch@gmail.com) for an invitation to Sunday's Zoom meeting  
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Contact phone number 01586 551237 - Church Secretary

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



South Kintyre Team Ministry

Due to the new regulations there will be no services held in the churches but an online service can be viewed on the South Kintyre Team Ministry page on YouTube.  
Ministers  
Revd Steve Fulcher  
Revd Chris Fulcher  
01586830504  
[www.kintyreparishes.org.uk](http://www.kintyreparishes.org.uk)

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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Major Ruth Russell  
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**Sunday 14th February**  
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Rev Rodger Crooks will record the service for this Sunday and it will be available on our website (see below) and on YouTube.

4.00pm Sunday School (by Zoom)  
7.00pm Fellowship Meeting (by Zoom)  
Wednesday 17th February  
12 noon Prayer & Bible Study (by Zoom)  
[www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk](http://www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk)  
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ST MARGARET'S RC CHURCH Lochgilphead

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Rev W Crossan

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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01880820158  
Charity numbers Tarbert SC002622 and Skipness SC004280

ST KIERAN'S RC CHURCH

Current restriction announced by the Scottish Government mean it is necessary to close places of worship. Therefore, Holy Mass will regrettably only 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](mailto:campbeltown@rcdai.org.uk).

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

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## Bob rounds off a solid start to the golf season

Oban's Bob MacIntyre completed the third leg of golf's desert swing with a solid performance at the Saudi International at the weekend.

Up against the strongest field of the year so far, including world number one and eventual winner Dustin Johnston, Bob finished in a tie for 29th to consolidate his position inside the world's top 50.

The Oban star was a bit unlucky to find himself on the wrong side of the draw on Thursday and Friday which meant he had to contend with the toughest of conditions both days.

Despite that, he battled hard to make the cut, with an impressive 68 on day two and a scintillating 65 on Saturday giving himself a realistic chance of another high finish. His final day 71 wasn't enough to move him up the leaderboard but still rounded off an impressive opening trio of performances in the Middle East to kick-off the season.

His focus now shifts to the WGC Mexico which, despite its name, is being played in Florida due to coronavirus concerns. With an elite field of the top 50 players in the world, there are plenty world ranking points up for grabs as well as a \$10.5million prize fund. With it not starting until February 25, Bob's management team will no doubt also be hoping to secure a spot in the Genesis Invitational in California the week before.

# Cycle repair scheme rolls out in Kintyre

Two Kintyre bike projects are among 300 from across the country taking part in the Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme, which offers £50 towards the repair or service of a bike, non-standard cycle or manual wheelchair, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

Kintyre Recycling Bike Project and Keeping It Local CIC are taking part in the scheme, which runs until the end of May and is aimed at people who would otherwise struggle to pay to have their bike serviced or repaired.

## Up to £50 to help repair or service bikes and wheelchairs

The goal is to get bikes out of sheds and garages across the country and back in use, with 30,000 people set to benefit from the scheme which is funded by Transport Scotland and administered by Cycling UK.

Jason McCallum from Keeping It Local CIC said: 'We are proud to be a part of the Scotland Cycle Repair

Scheme. Uptake around our locality has been fantastic and an overwhelming success.

'We have enjoyed being able to provide a valuable service currently to locals but hopefully to visitors also. Don't forget, we also sell a variety of essential items for your bicycles to keep you safe on the roads.'

Kintyre Recycling Bike Project has repaired more than 30 bikes since it started up in October last year and has sold 12 reused bikes.

The intention is to grow the project and provide more community cycling opportunities in Kintyre.

James McNairn, Kintyre Recycling Bike Project co-ordinator, said: 'We are delighted to be providing bike repairs and second hand bikes to people in Campbeltown as part of the Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme and to encourage more people to take up cycling in our beautiful surroundings



James McNairn, Kintyre Recycling Bike Project co-ordinator.

which can really help with mental health issues.'

Shona Morris, Scotland Cycle Repair Scheme programme manager at Cycling UK, said: 'It's fantastic to see so many bike shops and community organisations getting involved in this scheme.'

'The Covid-19 crisis has hit many people hard, so we know it can be difficult to pay for essential bike repairs right now. We'd encourage those people to dig their bike out of the shed or garage, get it fixed up and get riding again.'

Get in touch with the team at Keeping It Local, 15 to 17 Main Street, Campbeltown, via Facebook at [www.facebook.com/keepingitlocal.campbeltown](http://www.facebook.com/keepingitlocal.campbeltown) or by telephoning

07939 149706. The Kintyre Recycling Bike Project team can be contacted via emailing [krbikeproject@gmail.com](mailto:krbikeproject@gmail.com), via Facebook at [www.facebook.com/krbikeproject/](http://www.facebook.com/krbikeproject/) or by telephoning 07557 344515.

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